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## 10 more homes until full recovery

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The Commonwealth Advocates for Recovery Efforts will soon complete repair work on the remaining homes that were destroyed by Typhoon Soudelor 30 months ago.

A little over 10 homes remain until CARE's recovery work is complete.

In total, CARE has assisted over 200 families with typhoon-related needs. About 85 families received some form of labor assistance and

the rest received materials or relief goods.

Typhoon Soudelor hit the CNMI in August 2015.

During CARE's Repair and Rebuild celebration last Saturday at the Garapan Cen-

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## Documentary: Ancient Chamorros came from Asia

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A prominent Micronesian historian has produced a documentary presenting evidence that ancient Chamorros were maritime voyagers from the northern part of the Philippines and parts of Taiwan.

Francis X. Hezel, a Jesuit priest and highly respected expert on Micronesian history, produced the 50-minute documentary that premiered last Thursday at the American Memorial Park visitors center theater.

The documentary, called

### PLASTIC PARADISE

It appears no site is safe. The iconic Old Man by the Sea is riddled with plastic and other random waste during a visit last Saturday.

ERWIN ENCINARES

*Before We Began Counting Years*, presents evidence and interviews to prove the theory that Chamorros originated from the Philippines and Tai-

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The CNMI Aeronautics Team of Marianas High School—composed of students Mimi Sakano, Ian Cataluna, Gaeun Yang, Chenoa Bunts-Anderson and Daniel Villarmero—celebrate their victory after being named second place winner in the national finals of the Real World Design Challenge in Washington, D.C. yesterday (Sunday). Lending support and witnessing the finals were Education Commissioner Glenn Muna, Associate Commissioner Lynette Villagomez, federal programs officer Tim Thornburgh, STEM Program coordinator Annette Pladevega, and PSS media specialist Eme Cabrera.

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## Aeronautics Team wins 2nd place

The CNMI Aeronautics Team—a team of public school students—made it to second place of the national Real World Design Chal-

**» Connecticut wins RWDC national title**

lenge in Washington, D.C., with a team from Connecticut taking first place.

In the national finals, the CNMI team was one of the Top 2 finalists, competing

against Connecticut for the challenge to design an agricultural drone for detecting pests and spraying pesticides.

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## Rota DPS chief: Zero support for academy

By FERDIE DE LA TORRE  
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REPORTER

The lack of funds explains why there are no cadets from Tinian and Rota in the 23rd Police Cycle Academy that kicked off last week, according to Department of Public Safety Commissioner Robert Guerrero.

**» DPS Commissioner Guerrero says funds are tight**

Rota DPS director Eusebio Manglona has expressed disappointment over what he termed as the “apparent lack of support” from Guerrero for Rota DPS.

Manglona disclosed that like Tinian DPS, Rota DPS is also planning to have its own police academy.

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## Local

## Torres allots \$50K for the arts

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Gov. Ralph DLG Torres has committed \$50,000 that will

go toward the Flame Tree Arts Festival for the preservation of local arts and culture.

During the proclamation signing last Thursday at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center, Torres said his administration has committed possibly the largest amount any administration has given for the festival.

"The amount that we are giving now is a lot more than we normally help... We want to make sure that we...con-

tinue this festival to showcase us. There is nowhere else in Micronesia that has the Flame Tree Arts Festival," he said.

Torres said that supporting the festival is important because it not only represents Saipan but it is also the festival that attracts neighboring island residents and tourists to participate. "We just want to make sure we put on a great show for everybody," Torres said.

Of the \$50,000, the Torres

administration handed over the first tranche of \$30,000 to the Department of Community and Cultural Affairs for the preparations of the festival; the remaining \$20,000 will come with the second tranche.

DCCA Secretary Robert Hunter was happy not just with the amount donated but by the support the administration has shown for the arts.

"This is the most support we've ever gotten from an administration for the arts," he said.

According to Hunter, the

Flame Tree Arts Festival is an important event that has the potential to entice tourists to visit Saipan. "We need to brand ourselves and we need to brand ourselves using what is ours...and I am glad that we have a governor who understands and supports this [festival]," said Hunter.

The 37<sup>th</sup> Annual Flame Tree Arts Festival will happen from Thursday, April 26, up to Sunday, April 29.

DCCA aims to restore the Flame Tree Arts Festival's reputation as the largest festival in Micronesia.

## Another mental evaluation for Kaipat

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U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona has ordered a fresh psychiatric examination of Philip Kaipat, a habitual offender who burglarized the house of Superior Court Associate Judge Kenneth L. Govendo and stole a gun.

Kaipat, who pleaded guilty to both federal and local charges, is now in the custody of Department of Corrections prison in Susupe.

Manglona's new order directs DOC Commissioner Vincent S. Attao to deliver Kaipat to the U.S. Marshals Service.

Manglona said Kaipat must be temporarily placed in the custody of the U.S. Attorney General for assignment to a suitable Federal Bureau of Prisons facility for the examination.

Manglona issued the order in granting the U.S. government's motion for a writ of *habeas corpus ad prosequendum*, which refers to

a court ordering the return with a prisoner for the purpose of "prosecuting" him or her before the court.

Manglona said her order is needed to secure Kaipat's appearance.

The judge said Kaipat shall remain in the custody of the U.S. Marshal Service or the Federal Bureau of Prisons until such time as the mental evaluation is completed.

Manglona said the U.S. Marshal Service shall return Kaipat back to DOC upon completion of his

mental evaluation.

Kaipat was supposed to be sentenced for possession of a gun that was stolen from Govendo's house.


Manglona said the psychiatric or psychological examination on Kaipat will aid in determining whether he is competent to proceed with the sentencing.

Manglona said a hearing to determine Kaipat's competency will be scheduled after the report is received.

The judge set a status conference for July 11, 2018.

The sentencing has been

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# NMI warned of gastroenteritis epidemic

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The public is being advised to take care due to an ongoing spread of norovirus-like gas-

troenteritis or stomach flu, a condition that stems from the inflammation of the stomach and intestines which usually result from bacterial toxins.

The health advisory was re-

leased by the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp.'s Public Health/Hospital Emergency Preparedness program and Epidemiology Laboratory Capacity Programs last Friday

after reports of diarrhea and vomiting in the CNMI community.

CHCC public information officer Samantha Birmingham-Babauta said there have

been an increased number of diarrhea and vomiting cases on island.

"After getting test results back, we can confirm gastroenteritis is circulating on island," she added.

Medical studies show that norovirus is a highly conta-

gious virus and symptoms develops 12 to 48 hours after being exposed to it. People usually get better within one to three days when infected with norovirus illness but the virus is believed to stay in your stool for two weeks or more after

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## 2 members of MPLT board take oath

Gov. Ralph DLG Torres swore in last week two members to the Marianas Public Land Trust Fund board of trustees, marking the second term for both members.

Former senator Maria Frica Pangelinan and former representative Martin Ada were sworn in last Wednesday at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-

Purpose Center in Susupe, after receiving confirmation from the Senate during a session the week prior.

Pangelinan said the MPLT investments remain her priority. “It’s all about the investment[s], the economic outlook, and...making sure we are generating the incomes that we are tasked to do,” she

said. “It’s a very volatile market and it all depends on the market outlook, so it’s critical that we follow the policy and work closely with our investment consultants and monitor the performance of our managers to make sure we are at least hitting the benchmark of the market,” said Pangelinan, citing the political climate of not only the U.S. mainland but also on a global scale.

During the Senate session Sen. Sixto K. Igisomar (R-Saipan), questioned the two members as he was unable to do during the public hearing. The questions revolved mainly around funding sources of MPLT and how the legislature could be of assistance to the fund.

The Senate still ended up unanimously confirming the two.

## Santos to DPL: Make land exchanges happen

A Rota senator is appealing to the Department of Public Lands to start addressing concerns related to individuals who declined receiving monetary compensations for land on Rota as she noted that some Rota residents weigh settling the matter in court.

In a letter to DPL Secretary Marianne Teregeyo last April 19, Sen. Teresita Santos (R-Saipan) asked that DPL start executing land exchange agreements for those on Rota who declined to receive cash payments for their land on Rota.

A land exchange agreement

between the CNMI government through DPL and a CNMI resident of Northern Mariana descent revolves relocating a plot of land belonging to the resident if his current land is taken up for a public purpose such as roads.

“I seek your continued assistance to expeditiously consummate a land exchange agreement for those individuals who declined monetary compensation but who have patiently and unwearingly waited to be justly resolved,” Santos wrote, adding that by addressing the concerns, DPL could avoid possible lawsuits.

According to Santos, Rota residents have been calling her office daily and have reportedly waited for decades for the land exchange.

“The CNMI Constitution states that the management and disposition of public lands shall be the responsibility of DPL and authorizes the transfer of a freehold interest in public lands for land exchanges to accomplish a public purpose as authorized by law,” Santos wrote.

Santos also noted that she reportedly had previous discussions with past secretaries of DPL, including Teregeyo on the matter, but to no avail.

She reiterated in her letter to

Teregeyo that since Rota struggles with reliable sea and air transportation, many earn their livelihood and sustainability through farming. The lack of land “adds additional burden on families that have long struggled to make ends meet.”

“Some landowners have grown increasingly frustrated with the inaction of DPL that they have suggested taking the matter to court; however, I strongly believe that DPL can avoid a lawsuit if [the DPL secretary] expeditiously consummate a land exchange agreement which will be extremely beneficial to both parties,” she said. **(Erwin Encinares)**

## ROTA

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*bune’s* article last Friday about the 23rd CNMI Police Academy that has 34 cadets but not one from Tinian and Rota, Guerrero said each island has always covered their respective expenses to send cadets who will attend the academy on Saipan.

Guerrero said that Saipan DPS assists with the expenses for uniform and equipment—when funds permit.

“This time, funds are tight,” said Guerrero, adding that he informed Tinian and Rota directors that they had to cover all their expenses for sending cadets to attend the academy

on Saipan. “You can check with Finance on this if you want to confirm.”

Rota DPS Director Manglona affirmed in an interview last week that Guerrero gave them a letter stating that he is not accommodating all their cadets.

Manglona said that, according to Guerrero, he is giving Rota only a limited number of cadets to attend the academy on Saipan and that Rota should cover the expenses for their cadets’ equipment, gears, shelter, lodging, and transportation.

“This is the first time that this thing’s been happening with the commissioner and also, even with our firearms, we have to shoulder everything,” Manglona said.

Manglona said they did not send cadets to Saipan because it would cost Rota DPS over \$200,000.

In contrast, when Rota Fire Department sent about eight cadets to Saipan for the fire academy, the Department of Fire and Emergency Medical Services on Saipan shouldered the expenses for their lodging, transportation, and gear, he said.

“For Rota police, zero support from Robert,” Manglona said.

He disclosed that they just met with Northern Marianas College criminal justice coordinator Zerlyn Taimanao and that they will be setting up a police academy on Rota, accredited under NMC.

He said they are looking at

next month or June to start the academy.

“We’re still working with our NMC counterpart so we can have our own police academy because, right now without Robert’s support, we’re zero,” Manglona said.

At present, Rota DPS has 31 police officers, including Manglona.

Tinian DPS director Matthew Masga also revealed last week that they are also planning to put up their own police academy after Guerrero informed him that Tinian DPS would have to shoulder the expenses of sending 10 to 12 cadets to Saipan.

Masga said sending 10 to 12 cadets to Saipan will cost Tinian DPS \$220,000.

involved designing an agricultural drone for detecting pests and spraying pesticides. Teams must all design a complete business case, mission plans, and write a 80 page notebook.

There were a total of 13 states and five teams from China that competed. **(PSS)**

The students are Mimi Sakano, Ian Cataluna, Gaeun Yang, Chenoa Bunts-Anderson, and Daniel Villarmero.

This is an international competition that requires students to design and model drones to solve economic and social crises in the world. The 2018 challenge

probably even before Europe hatched their ideas of open-ocean voyaging.

“You couldn’t hopscotch anywhere to get from the Philippines to the Marianas. That was a long trip and it was the first very long voyage that was documented of the Pacific settlement,” he said.

The theory that Chamorros were also migrants from Taiwan was proven through the language ancient Chamorros spoke called the Austronesian language family or Malay-Polynesian, which includes both the Filipino and Cham-

of Marianas High School—won the regional title last January that led them to represent the entire Pacific region at the contest in Washington, D.C.

As of press time, the final competition in the international categories was still taking place.

than a thousand years, the early settlement. They were also hoping that the audience would reconsider some of the myths that are associated with Chamorro history.

“I used to hear people say all the time, ‘Oh we come from Indonesia.’ Well, maybe that’s a possibility but it’s also a bigger possibility that they came directly from the Philippines, Luzon... and that was an achievement,” he said.

Hezel said that Chamorros were the first open ocean voyagers. They started so much earlier than the entire world,

Sen. Teresita Santos (R-Rota) said in a statement that both trustees are knowledgeable when it comes to their roles and “uphold their fiduciary duty as [a] trustee.”

“Through their statements during the public hearing,

[the] trustees were able to respond to questions raised such as how funds invested by MPLT have directly benefitted persons of Northern Marianas descent through housing and local diversified programs,” she said. **(Erwin Encinares)**

## HOMES

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tral Park, CARE executive director Maxine Laszlo said CARE’s recovery efforts did not only entail home reconstruction but also included the donation of materials needed by families to get back on their feet after Typhoon Soudelor.

“There were a lot of different services that we were able to offer. There were some families that received labor and materials, some just received materials, and some that received other good that they needed at that time,” she said.

Laszlo said that 75 of the 85 families who received labor assistance received assistance from volunteer labor groups; the Mennonites Disaster Services was responsible for 58 of those cases.

Since arriving on Saipan back in 2016, the Mennonites successfully repaired 58 homes and will finally be heading home after two years of recovery efforts.

The remaining families will still receive assistance, thanks to the support of various organizations and agencies.

Laszlo said she is extremely relieved that CARE will have

successfully served its purpose by June.

“I’m not sad that the program is ending. That means all the families got helped... we’re ending on such a positive note...it would have been a lot worse if we did not get that support from the community,” she said. “We’re not ending because we ran out of money, we’re ending because we ran out of families to help.”

During the celebration last Saturday at the Garapan Central Park, CARE board chair Alex Sablan said the celebration recognizes all the different agencies, both within the CNMI and from the U.S. mainland, who joined CARE in its mission to rebuild the CNMI after the destruction wrought by Typhoon Soudelor.

Although the CARE program will end in June, that does not mean it will become non-existent. If disaster were to strike the CNMI again, an action plan has been established to bring back CARE, he assured.

“If there is a disaster way down the road, someone will be able to pick up this manual for CARE and restart CARE from the ground up...there would be a plan of action on how to get everyone organized and get this group back into play,” he said.

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postponed several times because of Kaipat’s erratic behavior.

In March 2016, Manglona granted the U.S. government’s motion for a psychiatric examination to determine Kaipat’s competency to understand court proceedings.

In October 2016, Manglona found Kaipat to be mentally incompetent to understand court proceedings. Kaipat was then committed to the custody of the U.S. attorney general and was hospitalized for treat-

ment. He was later found to be competent.

In November 2017, Kaipat pleaded guilty in federal court to possession of a stolen firearm, a 9mm Smith and Wesson pistol. Kaipat stole it while burglarizing Govendo’s home on Saipan.

He also stole a watch, a hunting knife, and \$500 in U.S. currency. Govendo was off-island when the burglary happened.

In the Superior Court case, Kaipat also pleaded guilty to burglary and theft as part of a plea deal. In November 2016, Superior Court Associate Judge Teresa Kim-Tenorio sentenced him to a total of six years in prison.

## EPIDEMIC

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one is cured.

The following are signs and symptoms of the norovirus-like gastroenteritis: Diarrhea, vomiting, nausea, stomach pain, fever, headache and body aches.

These symptoms of stomach flu are to be taken seriously as they can lead to dehydration, especially in young children, older adults, and people with other illnesses. It is important to maintain fluids while sick.

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are decrease in urination, dry mouth and throat, dizziness when standing up and children who are dehydrated may cry with few or no tears and are unusually sleepy or fussy.

There are no specific medicine or antibiotics that can treat people with norovirus-like illness. Keeping hydrated is the best cure to replace liquid lost from vomiting and diarrhea.

For more information about, visit <https://www.cdc.gov/norovirus/> or call the PHEP program at 235-8211 and report a notifiable disease, call CHCC at 234-8950.

## AERONAUTICS

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The team was also competing against two teams from mainland China for the international category.

The CNMI Aeronautics Team—made up of students

## ANCIENT

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wan. The documentary focused on archaeological work and DNA work.

According to Hezel, what sparked his interest in further exploring where the Chamorro people originated arose from the poor understanding of what being Chamorro really means.

Hezel said he and his team wanted to push people to consider the earlier history of the Chamorro that goes back more



**COMMUNITY BRIEFS****Free seminar on STEP Program for small businesses**

The CNMI Department of Commerce, in collaboration with the Commonwealth Development Authority, will be offering a free seminar focusing on the CNMI State Trade Expansion Program for small businesses that are interested in expanding their market through export. The training will be held at CDA boardroom in San Jose, first floor, on Wednesday, April 25, 2018 from 9:30am to 11am. The CNMI STEP Program is a state-federal partnership, funded by a grant from the Small Business Administration. (PR)

**Student makes OSU honor roll**

**CORVALLIS, Ore.**—Keanah G. DeleonGuerrero, a senior majoring in Anthropology, is among the many students at Oregon State University who have made the scholastic honor roll winter term.

A total of 1,398 students earned straight-A (4.0). Another 4,609 earned a B-plus (3.5) or better to make the listing.

To be on the roll, students must carry at least 12 graded hours of course work. (PR)

**Military training at FDM**

**ASAN, Guam**—The U.S. military will conduct training at the island of Farallon de Medinilla on April 23-26, from 8am to 4pm. It is recommended the public, fishermen and marine tour operators monitor the Coast Guard broadcast notice to mariners for advisories. The general location of the training on the island of Farallon de Medinilla will be in a 12-nautical mile radius of the island. (PR)

**KHS Def Jam and progress reports**

Kagman High School will be hosting its annual Def Jam and 4th Quarter Progress Report this Thursday, April 26. Progress reports will be released from 4pm to 6pm and Def Jam will occur from 6pm to 8:30pm in the cafeteria.

For parents and guardians living in the northern villages, KHS will also be holding a progress report on Friday, April 27, from 4pm to 6pm at the Natibu Sports Association, next to Tanapag Middle School.

Please call the school at 237-3189 if you have any questions or concerns. (PR)

**National Park Week at the AMP**

The American Memorial Park is celebrating National Park Week and is inviting the public. For those who want to know more about national

parks across the United States, join park rangers throughout the week to view featured park films and discover our amazing national treasures. For special film showings:

**Monday, April 23:**

■ 3:30pm: Struggle and Triumph: the Legacy of George Washington Carver, George Washington Carver National Monument

■ 4:10pm: Voices of Sitka, Sitka National Historical Park

**Tuesday, April 24:**

■ 3:30pm: The Tuskegee Airmen: Sacrifice and Triumph, Tuskegee Airmen National Historic Site

■ 4:10pm: Shark Safety, Cape Cod National Seashore

4:20pm: Water Power, Paterson Great Falls National Historic Park

**Wednesday, April 25:**

■ 3:30pm: Yellowstone National Park

■ 4pm: Hidden Worlds: Carlsbad Caverns National Park

**Thursday, April 26:**

■ 3:30pm: A Restless Giant: The Ever-changing Nature of Mount Rainier, Mount Rainier National Park

■ 4pm: The True Heart of Winter, Denali National Park and Preserve

**Friday, April 27:**

■ 3:30pm: Edgar Allan Poe, Edgar Allan Poe National Historic Site

4pm: Alexander Hamilton Statue Restoration 2012, Paterson Great Falls National Historic Park

**Saturday, April 28:**

■ 3:30pm: Homefront Heroes, Rosie the Riveter WWII Home Front National Historical Park

■ 4pm: Paul Laurence Dunbar, Dayton Aviation Heritage National Historical Park (NPS)

**Jury selection cancelled**

This is to inform all prospective jurors on panels "17CS" that the jury selection scheduled for today, April 23, 2018, at 8:30am at the U.S. District Court is cancelled until further notice. For further information, contact Deputy Clerk Daisy Mendiola at the Superior Court at 236-9885. (PR)

**SSHS parent-teacher conferences**

Saipan Southern High School will have its fourth quarter mid-progress parent-teacher conferences on April 27, 2018, from 3pm to 5pm on campus. (PR)

**KagES parent-teacher conferences**

Kagman Elementary School will have its fourth quarter mid-progress parent-teacher conference on Thursday, April 26, from 3pm to 6pm on campus. Parents and guardians are encouraged to attend to learn about your child's academic performance, and if she or he

will need to attend the intensive summer school program. Parents who attend the children's parent-teacher conferences three or more times during the school year will be recognized with medals and certificates at the end of the school year. For more information, call KagES at 237-3146. (PR)

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the 8th grade. To learn more about SCS, contact principal Amanda Allen Dunn, via email at principal@

saipancommunityschool.com, call 234-6687, or visit the school on Beach Road in Susupe. (PR)

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# Ex-Labor secretary moves for dismissal of charges

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Former Department of Labor secretary Edith Eleanor DeLeon Guerrero wants the Superior Court to dismiss the traffic charges filed against her by the Office of the Attorney General.

In the alternative, DeLeon Guerrero, through assistant public defender Heather M. Zona, moved for the dismissal as time-barred count III of the information that charged her with restriction upon use of government vehicle by using or driving such vehicle that did not bear government license plates.

Zona argued that the information violates DeLeon Guerrero's due process rights as guaranteed by the Sixth Amendment of the U.S. Constitution.

Zona asserted that the government lacks sufficient evidence and that defendant's right to a speedy trial as guaranteed by the U.S. and the CNMI Constitutions has been violated.

Zona said that, on Oct. 11, 2016, DeLeon Guerrero was cited, via complaint-declaration, for violating a provision of Title I of the Commonwealth Code.

Zona pointed out that Title I is not part of the Traffic Code and that no facts were alleged on the complaint-declaration.

Last June 5, the government filed its motion for clarification of law that sought an advisory opinion from the court.

Zona said the motion requested that the court provide the prosecution with "clarification on how the court intends to interpret government vehicle."

She said at the time the government filed its motion, Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho already had rendered a decision interpreting the same term under section 7406 of Title I of the Commonwealth Code in the

traffic case against former education commissioner Dr. Rita A. Sablan.

Sablan was acquitted in that case.

In Sablan's case, Camacho found the term "government vehicle" to mean a vehicle owned by the government or leased for one year or more, not a short-term rental agreement.

Last Feb. 13, Camacho denied the government's motion and reprimanded an assistant attorney general for misrepresenting the status of the appeal of the Sablan case.

On April 4, 2018, trial was set.

Also on April 4, 2018—18 months after the original citation was issued to DeLeon Guerrero—the government filed information, charging defendant with three traffic charges, Zona said.

The information, which was filed by assistant attor-

ney general J. Robert Glass Jr., charged the 53-year-old DeLeon Guerrero with three counts of restriction upon use of government vehicles.

Glass stated in the information that on Dec. 8, 2013 to Oct. 11, 2016, DeLeon Guerrero used a government motor vehicle that had tinting materials on its windows, that was not clearly marked as such on both front doors, and did not bear government license plates.

Originally, the OAG filed in court only a traffic citation that contains the same charges against the former Labor secretary.

In DeLeon Guerrero's motion to dismiss, Zona said the information does not contain the charge of violating 7406(g) (1) which was contained in the initial complaint-declaration.

Zona said that, in each count of the information, a three-year time period is alleged, and DeLeon Guerrero is identified as the purported violator of the statute.

Otherwise, Zona said, no facts or circumstances are alleged.

Zona said the information must be dismissed because it fails to provide sufficient notice and violates the defendant's due process rights.

Zona said there is no factual basis contained in the information to put defendant on notice as to which activities are being charged, and therefore, she cannot protect against double jeopardy should subsequent charges be brought because she will be unable to determine whether such offenses fall within the purview of the charges here.

"The end result is a waste of judicial resources," Zona said.

Zona said the case must be dismissed because none of the vehicles in this case is a "government vehicle" as a matter of law.

In this case, Zona said, the government cannot show the vehicle(s) at issue in this case was/were owned by the Commonwealth, or leased by the Commonwealth for more than 12 months.

"There is simply no evidence of any indicia of ownership," she said, adding that the rental agreements supplied in discovery show exactly the opposite of what the government is required to prove.

Zona said no doubt the government wishes to re-litigate issues of law already decided in the Sablan case, but doing so is not only inappropriate, it wastes judicial resources.

Zona said the case should be dismissed because DeLeon Guerrero's constitutional right to a speedy trial has been violated.

Zona said DeLeon Guerrero was cited for purportedly three infractions on Oct. 6, 2016. Eighteen months later

DeLeon Guerrero still has not been to trial.

"This type of delay is presumptively prejudicial," Zona said.

She said dismissal is appropriate because the government is responsible for the substantial and unwarranted delay.

Zona said it would appear the only reason for the delay in this case is the government's decision to file a seemingly frivolous motion that improperly requested an advisory opinion from the court, which was denied.

The defense lawyer said certainly the OAG is aware the court is not in the business of issuing advisory opinions.

She said the statute of limitations for offenses punishable by imprisonment of six months or less is one year after such offense was committed.

Zona said count III therefore is governed by a one-year statute of limitations.

She said because the government's information alleging this count first was brought April 4, 2018, and the events are alleged to have taken place on Oct. 11, 2016 at the latest, count III is time-barred and must therefore be dismissed.

DeLeon Guerrero pleaded not guilty. She said it's a rental car and obviously not government property.

According to court documents, Police Officer Jesus Santos issued the traffic citation against DeLeon Guerrero on Oct. 16, 2016, at 3:39pm in the parking lot of the Happiness Chinese Restaurant in western Garapan.

DeLeon Guerrero was the driver of a red five-door Toyota car with license plate ACU-788. The car is registered to Marfega Trading Co. Inc.

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**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**  
**RFP18-JUDICIARY-02**

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Pursuant to 1 CMC § 9910, the Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation hereby gives notice that a meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held on Thursday, April 26, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. in the CEO's Conference Room 2 located at the Administrative Offices (new wing).

**Agenda**

- I. Call to Order
- II. Determination of Quorum
- III. Approval of Agenda
- IV. Approval of Minutes:
  - A. Adoption of March 1, 2018 Minutes
  - B. Adoption of March 7, 2018 Minutes
  - C. Adoption of March 27, 2018 Minutes
- V. Executive Session: The Board may vote to meet in Executive Session to consult with legal counsel.
- VI. Public Comments
- VII. Reports
  - A. Management & Operations/Health Advisory Committee Report
  - B. Financial Statement
  - C. CHCC Budget
  - D. Malpractice Insurance
  - E. CMS & ECRI Dashboard Update
- VIII. Old Business
  - A. Report on the Solar Project
  - B. To vote and approve CEO Evaluation Tool
- IX. New Business
  - A. To vote and approve Application for Privileges for the following individual: New Applicants – 1) Dr. Emily Cedarbaum; 2) Dr. Nadia Zafar; 3) Dr. Bodgan Chuma
  - B. FQHC Report: Tinian and Rota
  - C. CHCC Strategic Plan Update
- X. Announcement
- XI. Adjournment

**JUDICIARY**  
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**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**  
**18-JUDICIARY-03**

**INSTALLATION OF SURVEILLANCE CAMERAS**  
at the  
**GUMA HUSTISIA, IIMWAL AWEWE, HOUSE OF JUSTICE,  
SUSUPE, SAIPAN**

**Submission Date: May 18, 2018, 3:00 P.M.**

The Commonwealth Judicial Branch is soliciting sealed proposals for the installation of thirty five (35) surveillance cameras to be installed at the Guma Hustisia/Iimwal Aweewe/House of Justice, Saipan.

Firms or individuals submitting proposals must have a valid CNMI business license and be in compliance with applicable local and federal laws and regulations, including minimum wage requirements.

Proposal procedures shall comply with CNMI Procurement Regulations (NMIAC Title 70, Subchapter 30.3).

The proposal package will be available on **April 18, 2018** at the Cashier's Window, Guma Hustisia, Saipan, or by request faxed to (670) 236-9797 or emailed to [Jim.Stowell@justice.gov.mp](mailto:Jim.Stowell@justice.gov.mp).

A mandatory pre-proposal meeting will be held on **May 3rd at 9:00 a.m., local time** at the Guma Hustisia Law Revision Commission—Law Library. The meeting is expected to take at least an hour in order to provide prospective proposal submitters the opportunity to acquire sufficient knowledge of the building and the coaxial cable runs from cameras to the control / recording room so as to be able to present a bid that completely anticipates the material and labor costs entailed in completing the job.

Sealed proposals must be marked **RFP18-JUDICIARY-03** and submitted in one (1) original and three (3) copies at the Cashier's Window, Guma Hustisia, Saipan no later than **May 18, 2018, 3:00 p.m., local time**. Firms or individuals submitting proposals from outside the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) days for receipt of their proposal by submitting a Notice of Intent to Propose to the Budget and Finance Director no later than **May 30, 2018, 3:00 p.m., local time**. Notices of Intent may be faxed to (670) 236-9797 or emailed to [John.Villagomez@justice.gov.mp](mailto:John.Villagomez@justice.gov.mp).

The CNMI Judiciary the right to reject any or all proposals, or portions thereof, and waive immaterial defects if to do so would be in the best interest of the CNMI Judiciary. All proposals received shall become the property of the CNMI Judiciary and will not be returned to the proposer.

**/s/ Alexandro C. Castro**  
Chief Justice

**/s/ John T. Villagomez**  
Budget and Finance Director

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

**April 23, 2018**

**PURSUANT TO PUBLIC LAW 8-41, THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE COMMONWEALTH DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (CDA) THRU ITS CHAIRMAN, HEREBY INFORMS THE GENERAL PUBLIC THAT THE CDA BOARD OF DIRECTORS' REGULAR MEETING OF APRIL 6, 2018 WILL CONTINUE ON THURSDAY, APRIL 26, 2018 AT 4:00 P.M., IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE MEETING AGENDA ADOPTED BY THE BOARD ON APRIL 6, 2018. THE MEETING WILL BE HELD AT THE CDA CONFERENCE ROOM, FIRST FLOOR, CDA BUILDING, OLEAI, SAIPAN. PUBLIC ATTENDANCE IS ENCOURAGED.**

**(Note: Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section 13(a)(7) and Section 13(c), the Board may vote to meet in executive session.)**

**/s/ DAVID S. DEMAPAN**  
Chairman, CDA Board of Directors



# US govt appeals sentence imposed on Phan

The U.S. government is appealing to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit

the eight-month prison sentence imposed on David Truong Quoc Phan, one of three

men convicted of participating in a jobs scam. Assistant U.S. attorney James

J. Benedetto notified the U.S. District Court for the NMI last Friday about their appeal. He

did not indicate the reason/s for the notice of appeal.

Phan was sentenced last March 16. Last Oct. 18, the federal jury returned a guilty verdict against Phan on two counts of mail fraud, three counts of fraud in foreign labor contracting, and one count of fraud and misuse of visas and permits.

Phan's co-defendants, Muksedur Rahman and Mohammed Rafiqul Islam, who are brothers, were also found guilty.

Phan was sentenced to eight months in prison, while Rahman was slapped with a 48-month prison term. Islam was sentenced to 18 months of imprisonment.

Islam, together with Rahman, was ordered to pay

\$188,426 in restitution to the victims. Phan and Islam are also appealing to the Ninth Circuit to have their conviction and sentence reversed.

Phan's fiancée, Analyn Nunez, and Rahman's wife, Shahinur Akter, were acquitted.

Another defendant, Zeaur Rahman Dalu, pleaded guilty and was sentenced to time already served.

According to the U.S. government, each of the victims paid over \$10,000, but when they arrived on Saipan in April of 2016, they were not given work as promised.

The government named five victims, all Bangladeshis.

Phan recently asked the District Court to allow his continued release pending the outcome of his appeal. The U.S. government opposed it. *(Ferdie de la Torre)*

## Tinian Public Library touch-up and proclamation



Patrons and staff of the Tinian Public Library observed the week of April 9-13, 2018, as National Library Week.

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**SAN JOSE, Tinian**—Tinian Mayor Joey Patrick San Nicolas signed a proclamation at the Tinian Public Li-

brary on April 9, 2018 officially declaring the week of April 9-13, 2018, National Library Week.

This year's National Library Week marks the 60th anniversary since its first event in 1958 and is sponsored by the American Library Association.

In his remarks, San Nicolas said the Tinian community have "a serene place to go... to gain more knowledge by reading books the library has available. ...In 2005, it was through the leadership of our then mayor, now our senator, Francisco M. Borja, who made this all possible."

The Tinian Public Library, through the Tinian Mayor's Office, received exterior painting, parking lot and sign

painting, and murals along the walls leading to the entrance. These murals highlight children and/or young adults investing time in reading.

Completion of this project is expected after the annual San Jose Fiesta, set to take place this May 4-6, 2018. *(PR)*

## LTA sets marketing seminar

The Latte Training Academy, Inc. continues its Entrepreneur Training program with its upcoming marketing session.

The organization's "Marketing Your Business In the CNMI & Beyond" is scheduled for Wednesday, April 25, 2018 from 9am to noon at the Latte Training Academy's training site, located on the third floor of the Marianas Business Plaza.

This training is focused on helping aspiring entrepreneurs and current small business owners with a clear understanding of how to best maximize marketing strategy.

"It is important for entrepreneurs to understand the dynamics of the CNMI marketplace and be able to effectively adapt their market strategy and mix to fit their business. This session is intended to help entrepreneurs understand many of the marketplace dynamics and introduce strategies which can maximize effectiveness of the organization's marketing dollar," said LTA training partner Jim Arenovski.

The LTA's Entrepreneur Training program is free to participants who are interested in starting their business enterprises in the CNMI. The program is intended to provide targeted training and technical assistance to participants with the aim of starting at least 10 new businesses by the end of the grant period.

"In an effort to encourage more aspiring entrepreneurs

to engage in business, the LTA board of directors is working alongside its partners to offer successful participants the opportunity to earn partner investment into their business enterprises," said LTA executive director Arielle Buyum.

To learn more about the program and register for the upcoming training, visit [www.lattetrainingacademy.com](http://www.lattetrainingacademy.com). *(PR)*

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# MVA upgrades Rota Swimming Hole, Aponon memorial



The pavilion at Rota Swimming Hole is shown repaired and repainted in April 2018. Repairs and renovation at the iconic site are being undertaken as part of the Marianas Visitors Authority's continuing destination enhancement program on the island. **MVA**

One of Rota's most popular visitor sites is getting a facelift under the Marianas Visitors Authority's destination enhancement program.

The MVA is on track to complete a project this month to address safety concerns and make repairs and improvements to iconic Rota Swimming Hole.

Since January 2018, major overhauls have been made to the restroom, including the replacement of stained and damaged toilet bowls and lavatory faucets, repairs to the shower stall, and the installation of ADA-compliant handrails. A structurally unsound barbecue house and stand were demolished, and a new stand was built for picnickers. The tin roof of the wooden pavilion at the site was refurbished with new rafters, a new plywood ceiling, and a new tin roof. The restrooms and concrete pa-



New toilets, lavatories, and ADA handrails in April 2018 make facilities at Rota Swimming Hole more sanitary and safe. The improvements were undertaken as part of the Marianas Visitors Authority's continuing destination enhancement program. **MVA**

vilion were completely water blasted and repainted, giving the facilities a new shine.

"Rota Swimming Hole is one of the most popular sites on Rota for local and visitors, alike," said product develop-



Repaired and repainted benches and restrooms at Rota Swimming Hole in April 2018 are part of the Marianas Visitors Authority's continuing destination enhancement program. **MVA**



Aponon Japanese Memorial on the island of Rota in the Marianas is restored in March 2018 by the Marianas Visitors Authority. The site honors individuals who died on the island during World War II. **MVA**

ment manager Tatiana Babauta. "Almost all of our media and travel agent [familiarization] tours to Rota also visit the site, so this upgrade presents a very clean and attractive image for visitors and also make the site more clean, comfortable, and safe for residents, as well."

Additional upgrades included the repair of a concrete sink, table, and benches at the pavilion, the demolition of unsightly con-

crete columns near the beach, and the construction of a three-foot wide walkway at the restrooms. Repairs to the water tank concrete pad are underway, and the Rota Mayor's Office will replace the water tank.

As part of its ongoing destination enhancement projects on Rota, the MVA also recently completed restoration of the Aponon Japanese Memorial honoring World War II casualties on the island. The restoration included removal of mildew and repainting of both monuments. **(PR)**



Dilapidated structures at Rota Swimming Hole have recently been demolished as part of Marianas Visitors Authority's continuing destination enhancement program. **MVA**



A new sink and barbecue grill at Rota Swimming Hole in April 2018 make the site more safe and usable for residents and visitors. The repairs and renovations are part of Marianas Visitors Authority's continuing destination enhancement program. **MVA**



Trade technician David Dre Manglona of Marianas Visitors Authority's Rota office begins restoration of Aponon Japanese Memorial in 2018. **MVA**

## 23rd Micronesian Islands Forum set for April 25-27, 2018

The Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands will be the center of the Pacific this week as Saipan hosts delegations from all over Micronesia for the 23rd Micronesian Islands Forum from April 25-27, at the Fiesta Resort and Spa Saipan.

The annual leadership summit brings together the six governors and three presidents of Micronesia, as well as policy representatives from the CNMI, the territory of Guam, the Republic of Palau, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, and the Federated States of Micronesia and its member states of Chuuk, Kosrae, Pohnpei, and Yap.

This year's theme is "Navigating the World as One Micronesia," and underscores the importance of Micronesia coming together to adapt to the ever-changing complexities of a more globalized world.

Gov. Ralph DLG Torres, who will assume the chairmanship of the forum on Wednesday, noted that, in the midst of globalization, now is an important time for all the islands of Micronesia.

"Now more than ever, we as a region and individually as island nations stand at a critical juncture in our lives. We are fully aware of our similar-

ities in culture and history, but we are also cognizant of our shared limitations with economic viability, education, and healthcare as island nations due to our size and location. We are uniquely positioned to determine sustainable policies and reforms that would develop our economies successfully and provide resources for our region's critical needs. We're looking forward to the discussions from our chiefs, our special guests, and the Micronesian community at large. I encourage our community in the Marianas to join the discussions," Torres said.

The three-day event will feature presentations from all nine island jurisdictions and several key federal and regional partners including the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education, Office of Insular Affairs, the U.S. Department of State, and the Western Pacific Fishery Council.

In addition, the agenda includes committee reports from the MIF's nine standing committees, which are composed of policy representatives from the nine island jurisdictions led by the CNMI's designated representatives:

- Regional Workforce Development Council

- Micronesia Regional Invasive Species Council

- Renewable Energy Committee

- Pacific Island Regional Recycling Initiative Committee

- Regional Transportation Committee

- Regional Health Committee

- Regional Telecommunications Committee

- Micronesia Challenge

- Regional Tourism Council

At the end of the forum, the island chief executives will sign a communiqué that outlines the steps and initiatives that will be taken moving forward to get the leaders closer to achieving the region's goals. The MIF will also coincide with the CNMI's 37th Annual Flame Tree Arts Festival held that weekend and brings together artists from all over Micronesia in a shared display of culture, tradition, history, and progress moving forward.

Registration is still open the 23rd Micronesian Islands Forum, but space is limited. For more information or to register, please visit [www.micronesianislandsforum.com](http://www.micronesianislandsforum.com).

The event will also be streamed live by the Northern Marianas College on the CNMI Office of the Governor Facebook page [www.facebook.com/CNMIGov](https://www.facebook.com/CNMIGov). **(PR)**

## SHRM to host Scholarship Office at its April meeting

The Society for Human Resource Management NMI Chapter invites its members, associated HR and management staff, and members of the public to attend its April membership meeting on Thursday, April 26.

NMI SHRM will have Rosalaine Togawa-Naputi, scholarship analyst, and Aileen Farley, Workforce Development coordinator, from the CNMI Scholarship Office, to discuss education opportunities available to you and your employees.

The presentation will provide information on the various scholarship and grants options that are available, as well as a discussion about the compliance requirement once a student has graduated and the opportunity this presents to CNMI employers.

The information gained through this program can be very useful for attendees to share with their employees who are interested in obtaining a degree while working.

Togawa-Naputi has been working with the CNMI Scholarship for over six years. She started off with the Co-operative Training program under WIA as a trainee in 2012

and became a permanent employee in 2014. She is currently working for the Scholarship and Grants section of the Scholarship Office as the scholarship analyst. Her role deals mainly with receiving all incoming application and supporting documents, reviewing them for scholarship eligibility, processing and disbursing awards, community and high school outreach, and data reporting.

Togawa-Naputi will be completing her degree in Business Management with an emphasis on Office Management from Purdue University in May 2018.

Farley has been employed in the compliance section of the CNMI Scholarship Office as their Workforce Development coordinator since April 2017.

Her main duties include linking scholarship recipients with available employment. She also recruits graduates and undergraduates into available fellowship and internship programs and assists in tracking former recipients whom have graduated or whom have discontinued enrollment to ensure their compliance requirements are met. Currently, Farley is working on her degree

in Education with an emphasis in Rehabilitation and Human Services at the Northern Marianas College.

This lunch meeting will be held at the Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan's Azucena Room on Thursday, April 26, 2018, from 11:30am to 1pm.

The presentation is open to the public and will be an invaluable opportunity for employers, Managers, and HR professionals and staff to learn more about the CNMI Scholarship Office and its programs. All interested individuals are invited to attend the NMI SHRM organization's monthly luncheon to meet with the CNMI's HR professionals and to find out what scholarship programs are available for their employees. The speakers will provide an opportunity for questions.

The presentation includes a special Fiesta lunch buffet at the cost of \$20 for SHRM members and \$30 for non-members. Seats are limited, so make a reservation by contacting Penny Jones by e-mail at [penelope.jones@hyatt.com](mailto:penelope.jones@hyatt.com) or Denise Montenegro at [denise.montenegro@hyatt.com](mailto:denise.montenegro@hyatt.com) or by telephone at 323-5867/68. **(PR)**



# CNMI Economic Census begins



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Secretary of Commerce Mark O. Rabauliman (center), meets with (3rd from left) Assistant Survey Director for Economic Census, William Samples, (5th from left) chief, Economic Census Assistant Survey director staff Robert Nusz flanked by CSD director Justin H. Andrew and staff, Fermin Sakisat Jr., Jenny Rospel, Yohei Iwashita and Brianna Oronigo.

The 2017 CNMI Economic Census now starts, through the CNMI Department of Commerce Central Statistics Division, in collaboration with the U.S. Census Bureau's Economic Census.

The U.S. Census Bureau measures the nation's population once every 10 years. Every five years, the Census

Bureau also paints an important portrait of American businesses across the nation by conducting the Economic Census and the Economic Census of Island Areas such as Guam, American Samoa, and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

The ECIA is the most comprehensive measure of the U.S. territory economy and it

will provide industry statistics for the entire Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and for Saipan, Tinian, and Rota separately.

It is the official five-year measure of U.S. territory businesses collected for years ending in "2" and "7." The next ECIA will be conducted in the second quarter of 2018, with

employer businesses reporting their 2017 year-end numbers.

Commerce Secretary Mark O. Rabauliman noted that the ECIA data serves as the foundation for the gross domestic product and these statistics are also used by trade associations, economic development agencies, governments and individual businesses for business decisions and policymaking.

According to Gov. Ralph DLG Torres, the increase in business development in the Commonwealth is evident.

"By looking at the recent gross domestic product report as well as what we all see happening on the grounds in our islands, there is so much to quantify in our efforts to be more reflective to the needs of our islands. New data from the Economic Census will allow us to reposition ourselves to continue to seek other means to keep our economy moving in a positive direction," Torres said.

Rabauliman said the mail-out of the ECIA will begin in early May with a due date of June 12, 2018.

ECIA companies will report information for each location including revenue, employees, payroll, and the value of goods or services produced in 2017. Questions are tailored by industry and size.

Response is required by law under Title 13, U.S. Code and all is kept confidential. The Census Bureau is required by law to keep information private and secure. Federal law protects all businesses responses and ensures the data can only be used for statistical purposes.

For the 2017 Economic Census of Island Areas, private sector employers will be asked to complete the eco-

nomics census online. Online reporting is easy, improves accuracy, and reduces cost and processing times. For secure online reporting, instructions and a unique company code will be provided to respondents by the Census Bureau via official U.S. mail. Respondents will be instructed to set up an online account on a secure website to complete survey. Small companies located in U.S. territories will have a paper option available.

The CNMI Statistical Act also requires business establishments to respond to this census, said Rabauliman.

"I urge our businesses to take some time to respond to the census once they receive their questionnaires. My CSD staff have been sworn by the Economic Census staff who visited us on April 9 and 10 and are currently undergoing training and background checks to assist in this important project," he said.

The 2017 Economic Census results for CNMI will be available in October 2019.

The Central Statistics Division is prepared to assist businesses with any questions for completing the census questionnaire at 664-3023/45.

For previous Economic Census results, visit <https://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/economic-census/about/island-areas.html>. (PR)

## No local taxes for CNMI artists

Gov. Ralph DLG Torres has signed into law a bill that exempts local artists from paying taxes.

During the 37<sup>th</sup> Annual Flame Tree Arts Festival proclamation signing at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center last Thursday, Torres signed House Bill 20-42 into Public Law 20-56.

The new law, authored by Rep. Angel Demapan (R-Saipan), exempts local fishermen as well as local artists who are registered with the Commonwealth Council for Arts and Culture from paying taxes as long as they receive a gross income below \$20,000.

Artists who receive over \$20,000 will only pay a tax of 1 percent.

Torres said the Flame Tree Arts Festival proclamation signing was the perfect time to sign the bill into law after it was proposed nearly nine months ago.

"This is the perfect timing [to sign this bill] so they [local artists] can showcase their work tax-free," said Torres.

Torres believes that artists should be exempted from paying taxes because many local artists produce art not as their main source of income, but because of their passion for culture.

"People who create art really love... it's just something they love to do so we should incentivize them by exempting them from taxes," he said.

As an artist himself, Department of Community and Cultural Affairs Secretary Robert Hunter said this takes a lot of weight off the shoulders of local artists.

"You know that artists don't make that much money, so this is a big relief...you can't beat that," he said.

Hunter said this is only the first step in improving the livelihood of all local artists in the CNMI.

Demapan, the author of H.B. 20-42, said that the bill includes all artists and any form of art and the only requirement is to make sure to register with the CCAC. (Kimberly A. Bautista)



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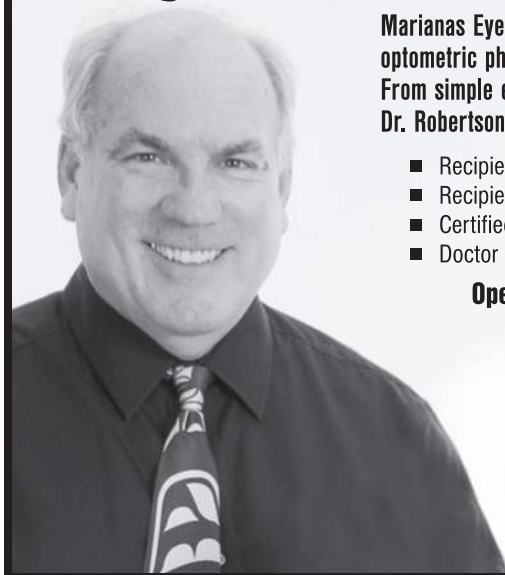
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### EDITORIAL

## Trump is taking a smart calculated risk with North Korea talks

In July 1971, President Richard Nixon jolted the international status quo—and set diplomatic nerves worldwide fluttering—by announcing he would visit China. “Never in history, to our knowledge, have diplomatic relations progressed so fast from the Ping-Pong table to the Presidency,” this page breathlessly observed.

Nixon’s bold overture reshaped the modern world and has paid vast dividends to Washington, to Beijing and to the general stability of global geopolitics.

Now another potentially seismic diplomatic event takes shape: President Donald Trump plans to clink glasses with North Korean dictator Kim Jong Un. Yes, the same dictator Trump taunted on Twitter as “Little Rocket Man.” Trump hopes to strike a deal with the North Korean leader to relinquish his nuclear weapons arsenal.

What could go wrong? Just about everything, critics say. Skeptics carp that Kim wins a huge propaganda bonanza just by sitting down with the West’s leader without first promising concessions in return.

But Trump is taking a smart calculated risk.

The main reason is that Trump doesn’t have any better options to resolve this conundrum without military action. Several decades of patient American diplomacy, from the Clinton administration in the 1990s through those of Presidents George W. Bush and Barack Obama, failed to achieve the key goal: to prevent North Korea from threatening the U.S. and the world with nuclear weapons. Kim now has up to 60, and he is intent on building more. He also has ballistic missiles that could hit U.S. cities, including Chicago, with a nuclear payload.

The Trump-Kim summit is tentatively planned for late May or June in a location to be determined. Meanwhile, Trump is cleverly lowering expectations—here and in Pyongyang—about what, if anything, the meeting may yield. “If I think that it’s a meeting that is not going to be fruitful, we’re not going to go,” he said. “If the meeting, when I’m there is not fruitful, I will respectfully leave the meeting.”

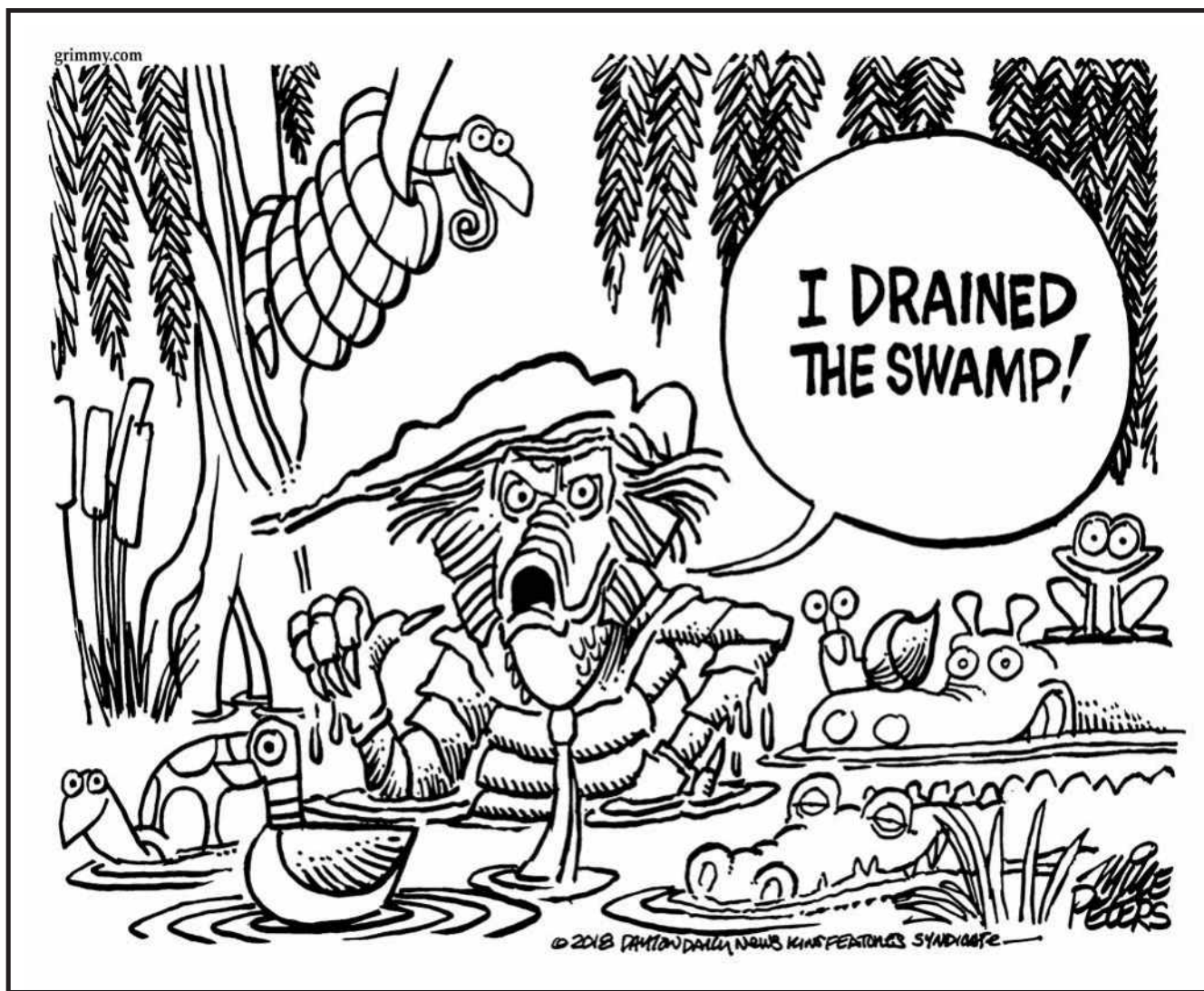
Translation for Kim: Don’t bring empty promises. The U.S. has been there and done that with your predecessors.

Should the two hit it off, Trump has plenty to offer Kim in return for surrendering nukes. One bargaining chip is a final peace treaty with South Korea, which is also reportedly on the agenda of upcoming talks between Seoul and Pyongyang.

Americans may be surprised to learn that the Korean War technically isn’t over. Combat ended with an armistice signed in 1953. But negotiations over a peace treaty stalled.

A treaty now could eventually bring normal relations and allow Pyongyang to escape Western sanctions. But will Kim pay the price? Or does he merely seek to upstage the master showman and keep building nukes? The hermetical-

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## America not as intolerant as we make it out to be

I don’t normally watch the GLAAD Media Awards. Not that there’s anything wrong with them. GLAAD, by the way, originally stood for “Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation” before the organization declared that GLAAD was its name and not an acronym.

But I did see a video of Britney Spears’ acceptance of GLAAD’s Vanguard Award last week.

“I feel like our society has always put such an emphasis on what’s normal, and to be different is unusual or seen as strange,” Spears said.

She added some other stuff about how we’re all individuals together, or something. There was a time when I might have had a bit of fun with Spears about some of the inconsistencies. But I’ve mellowed. It’s all good. It was a nice speech, and she seemed sincerely honored to receive her award and grateful for the support of her fans.

Fine, fine.

But there’s one thing that vexes me. I could have picked a thousand other examples from any given week to illustrate it, but this one got my attention.

“Those who only know one country, know no country,” the legendary political scientist Seymour Martin Lipset observed.

What he meant is that if you don’t know what distinguishes one country from other countries, you can’t know what is normal about your country and what is exceptional about it.

For instance, these days we hear a great deal about America’s deep-seated racism, as evidenced by various legitimately horrible incidents, particularly excessive force by police. Discrimination exists. But there’s a difference between saying that discrimination or other injustices exist and that there is more work to be done, and saying that America is the most racist country in the world and that things haven’t gotten better. (Search Twitter for “most racist” and “America” and scroll through the results.)

First of all, things have gotten better. In 1958, 44 percent of white Americans said they’d move if a black family moved in next door. Forty years later, that number had dropped to 1 percent. Were some whites lying? Probably, sure. But most probably weren’t. When the Civil Rights Act was passed in 1964, only 18 percent of white Americans said they had a black friend. By 1998, that number was 86 percent. Some people were probably fibbing, but the mere fact that they wanted others to believe they had a black friend is a kind of progress.

There is one sure sign that white attitudes have changed: Rates of marriage between races have been trending up for decades.

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In 1967, only 3 percent of newlywed marriages were interracial. The rate has risen more than fivefold, to 17 percent in 2015. Presumably, people willing to spend the rest of their lives with people of another race—never mind have children with them—are not lying.

But let me get back to my point. When I hear people say things about America—it’s racist, it’s sexist, etc.—or when I hear them say that America is the most this or the most that, I always want to ask, “Compared to whom?”

By no plausible objective standard is America the most racist or bigoted country in the world, even just among industrialized countries. On a 2014 list of countries ranked by opposition to having a racially different neighbor, America ranked 47th (with 6 percent of the population saying they were opposed). In raw numbers, we admit more immigrants than any other country. And as Amy Chua notes in her new book, “Political Tribes,” “No other major power in the world has ever democratically elected a racial minority head of state.”

I dwell on race because that’s where so much of the passion is these days. But let’s get back to Ms. Spears. She says that our society puts so much emphasis on being “normal.” And again, one has to ask, “Compared to whom?” Does America have a history of discrimination toward homosexuals? Absolutely. Quick: Name a country that doesn’t have such a history. Meanwhile, attitudes on homosexuality have followed the same trend as race.

More broadly, the idea that America is uniquely hostile to “being different” is an interesting thesis, and it might have had some basis in fact 50 or 100 years ago (though I’m skeptical).

America is not without its problems. And the fact that we’re not nearly as bad off as people claim doesn’t erase the need to tackle them. But perhaps those problems would be alleviated somewhat if we stopped insisting they’re so much worse than they really are.



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## What is the US getting for its \$1 trillion deficit?

According to the non-partisan Congressional Budget Office, taking into account the recent tax cuts and latest spending bill, the federal budget deficit will surpass \$1 trillion by 2020, and the national debt will rise to a staggering \$29 trillion by 2028.

One would think that such an enormous level of deficit spending would befit a nation with the world's best health care system—one that is available to everyone. It might be expected to foster a public school system that is second to none, with well-paid teachers helping to produce an informed and engaged citizenry and a workforce fully prepared for the 21st century economy. You may expect to find state of the art infrastructure, with efficient and well-maintained roads and public transit, and a high-speed rail system connecting all major cities. Such spending levels would also seem likely to result in services that would promote significant reductions in levels of poverty, addiction and violent crime. It might be used to energize an economy that takes full advantage of the investment and employment opportunities offered by continuing advances in technology and the use of clean energy and renewable sources.

Yet, despite our prolific spending, we fall far short of realizing the quality of life that our outlays suggest we should expect.

Our fiscal policies have brought considerable benefits to some, particularly those with the highest levels of wealth, but they have not advanced a broad vision of an expansive economy that lifts the general welfare. For example, rather than providing tax benefits where jobs are created, we implement non-targeted tax cuts in the mere hope that jobs will somehow magically follow. In the meantime, while some benefit handsomely from a lowered tax rate, we continue to accumulate massive debt by our insistence on reducing revenue without cuts in spending.

For nearly 40 years now, we have been hearing how tax cuts, which have consistently had the effect of providing the largest benefit to the highest income earners, will pay for themselves in the resulting robust economy—the so-called supply-side theory of economics. The problem is, it has never worked out that way.

When President Reagan took office in 1981, the highest individual tax rate was 70 percent, and the corporate tax rate stood at 46 percent. The top individual rate was then cut all the way down to 28 percent, and the corporate tax rate was



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According to the non-partisan Congressional Budget Office, taking into account the recent tax cuts and latest spending bill, the federal budget deficit will surpass \$1 trillion by 2020, and the national debt will rise to a staggering \$29 trillion by 2028.

reduced to 40 percent. While economists debate whether the subsequently improved economy was owing more to tax cuts or the reduction in interest rates—the rate the Federal Reserve charged to banks had reached a whopping 20 percent—the one thing that is clear from the Reagan tax cuts is that the lost revenue was not replaced.

In fact, those tax cuts helped lead to unprecedented increases in both the federal budget deficit and the national debt. While President Reagan did cut spending on domestic programs, he essentially wiped out that savings with increased defense spending. The failure to offset tax reductions with meaningful spending cuts, in the belief that those losses would be replaced by a booming economy, ballooned the budget deficit from \$79 billion at the end of the Carter administration in to \$153 billion at the end of Reagan's, and the national debt jumped from \$998 billion to \$2.8 trillion during the same time period. Additionally, the stock market crashed in 1987, and a subsequent recession added even more to the red ink. By the time George H. W. Bush left office in January 1993, the budget deficit had risen to \$255 billion, and the national debt had grown to \$4.4 trillion.

Further lessons can be gleaned from the experience that fol-

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lowed the George W. Bush tax cuts enacted in 2001. At that time, as a result of intervening tax increases, the top individual rate stood at 39.6 percent. By then, however, the budget deficit had been entirely eliminated during the Clinton administration, and budget surpluses were realized in each of the final four Clinton budgets. The national debt had continued to rise during the Clinton years, but not as dramatically, reaching \$5.8 trillion. The Bush tax cuts reduced the top individual rate back to 35 percent and significantly reduced the capital gains rates. Once again there was no effort to reduce spending. The very first Bush II budget erased a \$128 billion surplus and replaced it with \$158 billion deficit. By the end of the Bush II administration, the costs of the wars in the Middle East, a prescription drug benefit in Medicare, and the bank bailout helped produce the first trillion dollar deficit. The national debt skyrocketed to \$11.9 trillion.

On top of that, the economy collapsed with the housing and mortgage crisis, resulting in the Great Recession and prompting enactment of the stimulus package during the Obama administration, which included an extension of the Bush tax cuts, a reduction in payroll taxes, and tax cuts extended to specific industries. Subsequent budgets cut the deficit to a low of \$438 billion in fiscal year 2015, although it has since risen above \$660 billion, but the national debt has catapulted to an astonishing \$20 trillion.

When contemplating a budget deficit consistently exceeding \$1 trillion, and a national debt approaching \$30 trillion, given the many quality of life issues with which so many are confronted, one has to wonder just what we are getting for all of that money. And all signs suggest that we will have to continue to wonder.

## Happy birthday, William Shakespeare!

*In honor of Shakespeare's 454th birthday today, April 23, 2018, I would like share his sonnets 116 and 130 and a parody written using each of them for inspiration:*

### W.S. Sonnet 116

Let me not to the marriage of true minds  
Admit impediments. Love is not love  
Which alters when it alteration finds,  
Or bends with the remover to remove.  
O no, it is an ever-fixed mark  
That looks on tempests and is never shaken;  
It is the star to every wand'ring bark,  
Whose worth's unknown, although his height be taken.  
Love's not time's fool, though rosy lips and cheeks  
Within his bending sickle's compass come:

Love alters not with his brief hours and weeks,  
But bears it out even to the edge of doom.  
If this be error and upon me proved,  
I never writ, nor no man ever loved.

### W.S.116 Parody

#### I Don't Accept Marriage of Truth

I don't accept the marriage of truth in our minds  
despite impediments I implement more bigly lies  
which alter facts to fiction when any facts it finds  
or twist the truth with repeated constant denies.  
Oh yes it is one of my favorite strategic tricks  
I tell lies about lies when truths are unshaken  
let spokespersons 'alternative facts' enter the mix  
the effects unknown but at face value will be taken.  
Lies are a Trumpy tool trick using timed WH leaks  
Mueller collects and gathers them in and then some  
lies pile up on page after page by the days and weeks  
then uncovered and exposed in the grand jury room.  
If my lies detrimental to democracy are ever proved  
then I never uttered one and Mt. Rushmore moved.

### W.S. Sonnet 130

My mistress' eyes are nothing like the sun;  
Coral is far more red than her lips' red;  
If snow be white, why then her breasts are dun;  
If hairs be wires, black wires grow on her head;  
I have seen roses damasked, red and white,  
But no such roses see I in her cheeks;  
And in some perfumes is there more delight  
Than in the breath that from my mistress reeks.  
I love to hear her speak, yet well I know  
That music hath a far more pleasing sound.

### LITERARY NOOK

By **JOEY 'PEPE BATBON' CONNOLLY**

Special to the Saipan Tribune

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I grant I never saw a goddess go;  
My mistress, when she walks, treads on the ground.  
And yet, by heaven, I think my love as rare  
As any she belied with false compare.

### W.S.130 Parody

#### My Tax Returns Will Never See

My tax returns will never see the light of day  
I dread not rubles or ties with Russian red  
my money stashed in Wall St. every which way  
its whereabouts known only inside my dyed head.  
I have rubles galore unmasked Russian red and white  
haven't seen any in my accounts for months and weeks  
I'll have to have an oligarch over for drinks tonight  
give him some old Trump vodka and see if he leaks.  
I'll roll my rubles over in some small Swiss bourse  
time to lay low stop contacting my Russian oligarchs  
now time for a few rounds on my Mar A Lago course  
greenback leisure for us mighty plutocratic monarchs.  
Yes, my friend Vladimir Putin thinks my brain is 'rare'  
as usual only with himself does he care to compare.

## TRUMP

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ly sealed Hermit Kingdom is mysterious: Outsiders don't know its arcane internal politics.

Could Trump dazzle the world with a foreign relations master stroke? Sure. Nixon went to China and returned triumphant. Not because he delivered a big deal, but because he started a diplomatic process that eventually opened China to the world.

True, Trump is no savvy foreign relations pro like Nixon. He's a deal-maker, blusterer and serial mind-changer. His diplomatic maneuvering is as subtle as a body slam.






This matchup could yield nothing more than bombast and political theater. But we hope to write a post-summit headline like the one that appeared on this page after Nixon finished his 1972 visit: "Yes, It Was Worth It."

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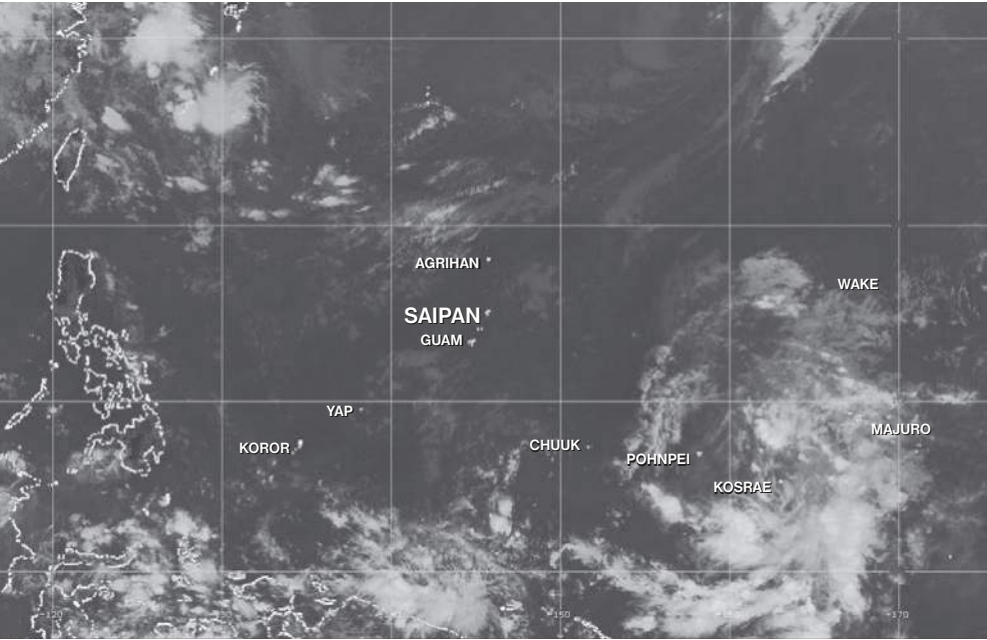


# The Weather

## 5-DAY FORECAST FOR SAIPAN AND TINIAN

TODAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
				
Partly cloudy with isolated showers. Northeast winds 15 to 20 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers. Northeast winds 15 to 20 mph.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.
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## YESTERDAY'S SATELLITE IMAGE



### PICTURE TIME: 6:27 AM, SUNDAY, APRIL 22, 2018

Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A dry pattern has returned to the Marianas and looks to continue through next week. Models are pretty consistent with showing an overall dry week with only spotty showers through at least next Saturday. There may be a small increase in cloud cover near the middle of the week, but no big change in showers. A high risk of rip currents continues through today along east facing reefs. The west swell will slowly subside through the day, dropping to around 6 feet, which will allow the rip current risk to fall to medium.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: [www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/](http://www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/)

MICRONESIA			▲▼°F
Guam and Rota	Partly Cloudy	87° / 78°	
Palau	Thunderstorm	85° / 78°	
Yap	Thunderstorm	86° / 80°	
Chuuk	Thunderstorm	86° / 80°	
Pohnpei	Thunderstorm	85° / 79°	
Kosrae	Thunderstorm	85° / 79°	
Majuro	Thunderstorm	85° / 80°	

AROUND THE GLOBE			▲▼°F
Auckland	Partly Cloudy	68° / 59°	
Beijing	Sunny	75° / 52°	
Hong Kong	Rain	81° / 72°	
Honolulu	Partly Cloudy	81° / 73°	
London	Showers	61° / 52°	
Los Angeles	Mostly Sunny	78° / 57°	
Manila	Thunderstorm	95° / 81°	
Melbourne	Mostly Sunny	79° / 55°	
Miami	Thunderstorm	81° / 73°	
New York	Mostly Sunny	60° / 42°	
Osaka	Rain	70° / 59°	
Paris	Partly Cloudy	61° / 48°	
Busan	Sunny	70° / 55°	
Rome	Mostly Sunny	73° / 54°	
Salem	Rain	69° / 55°	
San Francisco	Sunny	63° / 47°	
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Washington, DC	Partly Cloudy	67° / 47°	



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8:07 AM	LOW TIDE	1.21	
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8:11 PM	LOW TIDE	-0.09	

DAY	SUNRISE	SUNSET
Today	5:58 AM	6:32 PM
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Wednesday	5:57 AM	6:33 PM
Thursday	5:56 AM	6:33 PM
Friday	5:56 AM	6:33 PM

DAY	MOONRISE	MOONSET	MOONRISE
Today	-	12:37 AM	12:23 PM
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SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)			
UA6394	4:15am	5:05am	Daily
UA6392	8:40am	9:30am	Daily
UA6391	1:30pm	3:10pm	1, 4, 5, 7 via Rota
UA6390	2:20pm	3:10pm	2, 3, 6
UA6398	6:05pm	6:55pm	Daily
UA6396	9:50pm	10:40pm	Daily

SAIPAN-ROTA (ROP)			
UA6391	1:30pm	2:05pm	1, 4, 5, 7

ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)			
UA6391	2:35pm	3:10pm	1, 4, 5, 7

SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)			
DL297	4:20pm	7:15pm	Daily

SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)			
7C3451	3:10am	6:10am	1, 7
7C3451	4:00am	7:05am	4, 5

SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)			
TW308	2:00am	6:05am	Daily
OZ626	2:10am	6:00am	1
OZ626	2:50am	6:40am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
LJ652	3:40am	7:30am	1, 4, 5, 7
7C3403	4:45am	8:30am	Daily
7C3401	4:00pm	7:45pm	Daily

SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)			
3U8648	5:40am	8:40am	1, 4, 5, 7

SAIPAN-HANGZHOU (GHG)			
JD396	7:30am	12:00pm	1
JD396	4:50pm	10:00pm	4

SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)			
3U8646	4:20am	7:30am	2, 6

SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)			
MU764	1:30am	6:35am	3, 5, 7

SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)			
OZ626/701	2:10am	10:55am	1 via ICN
OZ626/701	2:50am	10:55am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
UA6394/191	4:15am	9:00am	2, 3, 6, 7 via GUM
UA6394/PR111	4:15am	8:10am	7 via GUM
UA6394/PR111	4:15am	9:20am	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via GUM
UA6398/183	6:05pm	9:40pm	2, 5 via GUM
UA6398/183	6:05pm	9:50pm	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
UA6398/193	6:05pm	11:50pm	2, 5 via GUM-ROR

SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)			
HX077	1:50am	5:15am	1, 4
OZ626/721	2:10am	11:50am	1 via ICN
OZ626/721	2:50am	11:50am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
U043	5:45am	8:40am	1, 3, 5, 7
UA6398/159	6:05pm	11:00pm	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM

ARRIVALS			
GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN			
UA6393	2:45am	3:35am	Daily
UA6395	7:15am	8:05am	Daily
UA6391	12:10pm	1:00pm	1, 4, 5, 7
UA6390	12:10pm	1:50pm	2, 3, 6 via Rota
UA6397	4:45pm	5:35pm	Daily
UA6399	8:30pm	9:20pm	Daily

GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)			
UA6390	12:10pm	12:45pm	2, 3, 6

ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN			
UA6390	1:15pm	1:50pm	2, 3, 6

NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN			
DL298	10:30am	3:05pm	Daily

BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN			
7C3452	9:00pm	2:10am+1	4
7C3452	9:05pm	2:10am+1	3, 6, 7

SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN			
7C3402	9:30am	3:00pm	Daily
OZ625	7:40pm	1:00am+1	7
TW307	7:45pm	1:00am+1	Daily
OZ625	8:20pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
LJ651	9:10pm	2:40am+1	3, 4, 6, 7
7C3404	10:10pm	3:40am+1	Daily

SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN			
3U8647	10:20pm	4:30am+1	3, 4, 6, 7

HANGZHOU (GHG)-SAIPAN			
JD395	8:25am	3:30pm	4
JD395	9:55pm	5:00am+1	7

GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN			
3U8645	7:40pm	3:00am+1	1, 5

BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN			
MU763	4:25pm	12:30am+1	2, 4, 6

MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN			
UA182/6395	12:40am	8:05am	3, 6 via GUM
UA190/6397	9:55am	5:35pm	2, 3, 6, 7 via GUM
OZ702/625	12:25pm	1:00am+1	7 via ICN
OZ702/625	12:25pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
PR110/UA6395	10:05pm	8:05am+1	Daily via GUM
UA192/6395	10:30pm	8:05am+1	2, 5 via ROR-GUM
UA184/6395	10:55pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM

HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN			
OZ722/625	1:15pm	1:00am+1	7 via ICN
OZ722/625	1:15pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
HX076	5:15pm	12:15am+1	3, 7
U042	6:50pm	1:45am+1	7
U042	9:30pm	4:25am+1	2, 4, 6
UA116/6395	11:55pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM

LEGEND: Days: Monday (1), Tuesday (2), Wednesday (3), Thursday (4), Friday (5), Saturday (6) and Sunday (7); 3U Sichuan Airlines, 7C Jeju Air, DL Delta Airlines, JD Beijing Capital, UO HK Express, HX HongKong Airlines, LJ Jin Air, MU China Eastern, OZ Asiana Airlines, TW t'way Air, UA United Airlines, PR PAL Express; ETD: Estimated Time of Departure; ETA: Estimated Time of Arrival. *(The Saipan Tribune is not responsible for any changes in the schedule.)*

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SAIPAN TO ROTA			
FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
1301	7:30AM	8:00AM	Daily
1302	11:30AM	12:00PM	Daily
1303	4:00PM	4:30PM	Daily

ROTA TO SAIPAN			
FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
3101	8:15AM	8:45AM	Daily
3102	1:45PM	2:15PM	Daily
3103	4:45PM	5:15PM	Daily

ROTA TO GUAM			
FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
3401	12:15PM	12:45PM	Daily

GUAM TO ROTA			
FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
4301	1:00PM	1:30PM	Daily

SAIPAN TO TINIAN			
FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
1201	7:00AM	7:15AM	Daily
1202	8:00AM	8:15AM	Daily
1203	9:00AM	9:15AM	Daily

1204	10:00AM	10:15AM	Daily
1205	11:00AM	11:15AM	Daily
1206	12:00PM	12:15PM	Daily
1207	1:00PM	1:15PM	Daily
1208	2:00PM	2:15PM	Daily
1209	3:00PM	3:15PM	Daily
1210	4:00PM	4:15PM	Daily
1211	5:00PM	5:15PM	Daily
1212	6:00PM	6:15PM	Daily

TINIAN TO SAIPAN			
FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
2102	7:30AM	7:45AM	Daily
2103	8:30AM	8:45AM	Daily
2104	9:30AM	9:45AM	Daily
2105	10:30AM	10:45AM	Daily
2106	11:30AM	11:45AM	Daily
2107	12:30PM	12:45PM	Daily
2108	1:30PM	1:45PM	Daily
2109	2:30PM	2:45PM	Daily
2110	3:30PM	3:45PM	Daily
2111	4:30PM	4:45PM	Daily
2112	5:30PM	5:45PM	Daily
2113	6:30PM	6:45PM	Daily



# MHS students take part in DC app challenge

CNMI Public School System students Chenoa Bunts-Anderson and Daniel Villarmero of Marianas High School recently showcased their winning app, *The Student Companion*, to members of U.S. Congress and representatives of the technology industry at the national House of Code conference in Washington, D.C.

The conference lasted a total of two days, from April 12 to 13, 2018.

In addition to their app showcase, Bunts-Anderson and Villarmero, along with over 215 middle and high school students from across the nation, gathered at the U.S. capitol to engage in conferences that focused on topics related to computer science and technology.

This was the first time CNMI students have participated in the congressional app challenge, which aims



CNMI Public School System students Chenoa Bunts-Anderson and Daniel Villarmero of Marianas High School, the CNMI winners of the congressional app challenge, pose in Washington, D.C.

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to inspire, include, and innovate efforts around STEM, coding, and computer science education. (PR)



Chenoa Bunts-Anderson and Daniel Villarmero explain their app to members of Congress and representatives of the technology industry at the national House of Code conference in Washington D.C.

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## US govt appeals Islam sentence to 9th Circuit

The U.S. government is appealing to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit the 18-month prison sentence imposed on one of three men convicted for their participation in a fake jobs scam.

Assistant U.S. attorney James J. Benedetto, counsel for the U.S. government, has notified the U.S. District Court for the NMI that they are appealing the court's judgment against Mohammed Rafiqul Islam on March 16.

Benedetto did not indicate the reason/s in their notice of appeal.

Last Oct. 18, a federal jury found Islam guilty mail fraud and fraud in foreign labor contracting.

The scheme involved bringing Bangladeshi men to Saipan on promises of jobs and green

cards in exchange for cash.

Last March 9, Islam was sentenced to 18 months in prison. He was ordered to pay \$188,426 in restitution, jointly with his brother and co-defendant Muksedur Rahman.

Islam, through counsel Bruce Berline, recently filed with the District Court a notice of appeal of his conviction to the Ninth Circuit. He also recently asked the federal court for his continued release pending the outcome of his appeal.

Islam's co-defendants—David Trung Quoc Phan and Muksedur Rahman—were also convicted. Phan was sentenced to eight months in prison, while Rahman was slapped with a 48-month prison term. Phan also appealed to the Ninth Circuit. (Ferdie de la Torre)

## Treasury OK's CNMI 'opportunity zones' noms

Gov. Ralph DLG Torres announced Thursday that the U.S. Department of the Treasury and the Internal Revenue Service have approved all of the CNMI's nominations for "qualified opportunity zones."

The "qualified opportunity zones" designation was created by the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, which was signed into law in December 2017 to spur economic growth in low-income communities.

"We have put great effort into rebuilding our economy and have seen incredible amounts of economic growth throughout our islands and this designation offers us the opportunity to build upon our success

and create a stable, diversified economy fostered by U.S. investments," Torres said.

"By attracting more U.S. private investment to underserved areas in our islands, the tax incentives for qualified opportunity zones will further encourage businesses to invest in the communities that need it most, while also creating meaningful employment opportunities for our U.S. workers. I nominated 20 of our census tracts, which includes Saipan, Tinian, and Rota, and I'm happy to report that all of our nominations were approved. This represents another step forward in our economic revitalization. We look forward to working with

the Department of the Treasury, the IRS, and our private sector partners to fully take advantage of this program and boost economic growth for our islands."

The CNMI submitted 20 nominations from all three major islands and all were approved by the Department of Treasury.

Qualified opportunity zones are intended to facilitate investment in areas seeking economic growth and revitalization.

"In the years ahead, we are aiming toward securing a lasting and strong economy, and I look forward to working toward building connections with businesses across

the United States, providing greater opportunities for our people, and making the CNMI economy a strong partner in the larger American economy," Torres said.

Qualified opportunity zones retain this designation for 10 years. Investors can defer tax on any prior gains until no later than Dec. 31, 2026, as long as the gains are reinvested in a qualified opportunity fund, a vehicle for investment in qualified opportunity zones. In addition, if an investor holds the investment in the opportunity fund for at least 10 years, the investor would be eligible for an increase in its basis equal to the fair market value of the investment on the date that it is sold. (PR)



Office of the Mayor  
Municipality of Tinian & Aguiguan

## PUBLIC NOTICE

April 18, 2018

### NOTICE TO CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTORS, LABOR UNIONS, AND PRIVATE INDIVIDUALS

The Municipality of Tinian and Aguiguan intends to solicit assistance from the Department of Defense's Innovative Readiness Training Program (IRT). The assistance will include health clinic and roadway projects to support local capital improvement needs. The proposed assistance will take place at the Tinian Health Center in San Jose, Tinian 96952 in 2018 and in various locations in 2019. Construction contractors, labor unions, or private individuals who have questions or who wish to voice opposition to military assistance for this project may contact Alexis Hofschneider from the Office of the Mayor of Tinian and Aguiguan at (670) 433-1800/2 or via e-mail at [alexishofschneider@gmail.com](mailto:alexishofschneider@gmail.com) no later than thirty (30) days after the first publication of this notice (or May 18, 2018). Persons not filing comments within the time frame noted will be considered to have waived their objections to military assistance for this project.

/s/ Joey P. San Nicolas  
Mayor of Tinian and Aguiguan



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## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

CNMI COMPREHENSIVE PUBLIC LAND USE PLAN UPDATE FOR ROTA, TINIAN, SAIPAN, AND THE NORTHERN ISLANDS

A PROJECT UNDER THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR, DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC LANDS

The Department of Public Lands (DPL) has retained SSFM CNMI along with their sub-consultant, Chris Hart & Partners, Inc., to update the CNMI's Public Land Use Plan in order to satisfy Public Law 15-02. This effort is intended to incorporate the public's interests, the needs of government agencies, and groups representing commercial interests.

The first set of public hearings for this project occurred during the week of September 18 to September 21, 2017. The second set of public hearings regarding the CNMI Comprehensive Public Land Use Plan Update for Rota, Tinian, Saipan, and the Northern Islands have been scheduled for each municipality as follows:

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| 1) Municipality of Rota                           | 4) Municipality of Saipan - 2   |
| a. Date - Monday, May 7, 2018                     | a. Date - Thursday, May 10, 2018  |
| b. Time - 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM                       | b. Time - 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM   |
| c. Location - Rota Mayor's Office Conference Hall | c. Location - Gregorio T. Camacho Elementary School Cafeteria           |
| 2) Municipality of Tinian and Aguiguan            | 5) Municipality of Saipan - 3   |
| a. Date - Tuesday, May 8, 2018                    | a. Date - Friday, May 11, 2018  |
| b. Time - 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM                       | b. Time - 11:00 AM - 1:30 PM  |
| c. Location - Tinian Elementary School Cafeteria  | c. Location - Fiesta Resort's Hibiscus Hall, Garapan                    |
| 3) Municipality of Saipan - 1                     | 6) Municipality of the Northern Islands                                 |
| a. Date - Wednesday, May 9, 2018                  | a. Date - Friday, May 11, 2018  |
| b. Time - 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM                       | b. Time - 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM   |
| c. Location - Hopwood Middle School Cafeteria     | c. Location - Northern Islands Mayor's Office, Bldg. 1345, Capitol Hill |

Comments on the Comprehensive Public Land Use Plan Update may be submitted orally or in writing at any of the scheduled public hearings. Persons unable to attend, including off-island residents, may fill out an online stakeholder survey form or view the current draft available on DPL's website at <http://www.dpl.gov.mp/land-use-plan-resources/>. You may also email your comments directly to [rreyes@ssfmcnmi.com](mailto:rreyes@ssfmcnmi.com) or [jhart@chpmaui.com](mailto:jhart@chpmaui.com) to ensure that your interests are heard and considered. After the public hearings, all comments and feedback from this second round of public hearings will be compiled for incorporation into the final draft of the updated public land use plan. Therefore, the public is encouraged to attend any of the scheduled public hearings and provide comment.

There will be a final Public Involvement Program Meeting to present the final draft of the updated public land use plan. The tentative timeframe is mid-July 2018.

If you have any questions regarding the public hearings, please contact SSFM CNMI at (670) 233-7770.



# Business

## Wells Fargo fined \$1B for mortgage, auto lending abuses

**NEW YORK (AP)**—Wells Fargo will pay \$1 billion to federal regulators to settle charges tied to misconduct at its mortgage and auto lending business, the latest punishment levied against the banking giant for widespread customer abuses.

In a settlement announced Friday, Wells will pay \$500 million to the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, its main national bank regulator, as well as a net \$500 million to the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau. The fine is the largest ever imposed by the CFPB and its first since the Trump administration took control of the bureau in late November.

Starting in September 2016, Wells has admitted to a number of abusive practices across multiple parts of its business that duped consumers out of millions of dollars. Regulators, in turn, have fined Wells several times and put unprecedented restrictions on its ability to do business, including forcing the bank to replace directors on its board. Even President Trump, whose administration has been keenly focused on paring back financial regulations, has called out Wells for its “bad acts.”

In Friday’s announcement, the CFPB and the OCC penalized Wells for improperly charging fees to borrowers who wanted to lock in an interest rate on a pending mortgage loan and for sticking auto loan customers with insurance



In this Feb. 7, 2018 file photo, the Wells Fargo logo appears above a trading post on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange.

policies they didn’t want or need. The bank admitted that tens of thousands of customers who could not afford the combined auto loan and extra insurance payment fell behind on their payments and had their cars repossessed.

These abuses are separate from Wells Fargo’s well-known sales practices scandal, where employees opened as many as 3.5 mil-

lion bank and credit card accounts without getting customers’ authorization. The account scandal torpedoed Wells Fargo’s reputation as the nation’s best-run bank.

In that case, Wells Fargo paid a combined \$187 million in fines and penalties to federal regulators, including the CFPB, and the Los Angeles City Attorney’s office, and the company’s then-CEO John

Stumpf stepped down after being bashed by politicians on both side of the aisle.

Even with the latest settlement, Wells Fargo isn’t in the clear. Its wealth management business is reportedly under investigation for improprieties similar to those that impacted its consumer bank. And the Department of Justice is investigating the bank’s current

cy trading business.

The \$500 million paid to the Comptroller of the Currency will go directly to the U.S. Treasury, according to the order. The \$500 million paid to the CFPB will go into the bureau’s civil penalties fund, which is used to help consumers who might have been harmed in other cases. Wells has previously said it began

## After Facebook scrutiny, is Google next?

**MENLO PARK, Calif. (AP)**—Facebook has taken the lion’s share of scrutiny from Congress and the media about data-handling practices that allow savvy marketers and political agents to target specific audiences, but it’s far from alone. YouTube, Google and Twitter also have giant platforms awash in more videos, posts and pages than any set of human eyes could ever check. Their methods of serving ads against this sea of content may come under the microscope next.

Advertising and privacy experts say a backlash is inevitable against a “Wild West” internet that has escaped scrutiny before. There continues to be a steady barrage of new examples where unsuspecting advertisers had their brands associated with extremist content on major platforms.

In the latest discovery, CNN reported that it found more than 300 retail brands, government agencies and technology companies had their ads run on YouTube channels that promoted white nationalists,

Nazis, conspiracy theories and North Korean propaganda.

Child advocates have also raised alarms about the ease with which smartphone-equipped children are exposed to inappropriate videos and deceptive advertising.

“I absolutely think that Google is next and long overdue,” said Josh Golin, director of the Boston-based Campaign for a Commercial-Free Childhood, which asked the Federal Trade Commission to investigate Google-owned YouTube’s advertising and data collection practices earlier this month.

YouTube has repeatedly outlined the ways it attempts to flag and delete hateful, violent, sexually explicit or harmful videos, but its screening efforts have often missed the mark.

It also allows advertisers avoid running ads on sensitive content—like news or politics—that don’t violate YouTube guidelines but don’t fit with a company’s brand. Those methods appear to have failed.

“YouTube has once again failed to correctly filter channels out of our marketing buys,” said a statement Friday from 20th Century Fox Film, which learned that its ads were running on videos posted by a self-described Nazi. YouTube has since deleted the offending channel, but the Hollywood firm says it has unanswered questions about how it happened in the first place.

“All of our filters were in place in order to ensure that this did not happen,” Fox said, adding it has asked for a refund of any money shared with the “abhorrent channel.”

YouTube said Friday that it has made “significant changes to how we approach monetization” with “stricter policies, better controls and greater transparency” and said it allows advertisers to exclude certain channels from ads. It also removes ads when it’s notified of problems running beside content that doesn’t comply with its policies. “We are committed to working with our advertisers and getting this right.”

## Mnuchin expresses optimism trade standoffs can be resolved

**WASHINGTON (AP)**—The International Monetary Fund and the World Bank repeatedly warned at their meetings this week that intensifying trade tensions could jeopardize a healthy global economic expansion.

But U.S. Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin expressed cautious optimism Saturday that countries could settle their differences without a trade war.

Mnuchin met during the past three days with financial officials from China, Japan and Europe over a series of punitive tariffs unveiled by the Trump administration against China and other trading partners.

In a session with reporters, Mnuchin refused to say how close the United States was to resolving the various trade disputes, but he did say progress had been made.

The United States and China are on the brink of what would be the biggest trade dispute since World War II. Each

has proposed imposing tariffs of \$50 billion on each other’s products; President Donald Trump is looking to impose tariffs up to \$100 billion more on Chinese goods.

In a speech earlier this month, Chinese President Xi Jinping vowed to open China’s market wider to foreign companies, raising hopes the dispute with Washington could be resolved. Mnuchin said he discussed Xi’s proposals with Chinese officials. “We are cautiously optimistic,” Mnuchin told

reporters, saying that he may soon travel to Beijing for further talks.

Trade tensions dominated the three days of talks among top finance officials attending meetings of the Group of 20 major economies, the 189-nation International Monetary Fund and its sister lending agency, the World Bank.

The officials roundly criticized Trump’s get-tough approach to trade, a reversal of

reimbursing auto loan and mortgage customers last year.

The settlement imposes further restrictions on Wells Fargo’s business, a sign that regulators have lost patience with the bank’s promises to turn itself around. Wells will need to come up with a risk management plan to be approved by bank regulators, and get approval from bank regulators before hiring senior employees. The OCC said in a statement that one reason for the size of the fine against Wells was “the bank’s failure to correct the deficiencies and violations in a timely manner.”

The \$500 million fine matches the largest fine ever handed out by the Comptroller of the Currency against HSBC in 2012.

The Federal Reserve cracked down on Wells earlier this year by restricting it from growing larger than the \$1.95 trillion in assets that it held at the time and requiring the bank to replace several directors on its board. The Federal Reserve cited “widespread abuses” for taking such an action.

“While we have more work to do, these orders affirm that we share the same priorities with our regulators and that we are committed to working with them as we deliver our commitments with focus, accountability, and transparency,” said Wells Fargo CEO Tim Sloan in a statement Friday.

seven decades of U.S. support for increasing freedom in global commerce. In his speech to the IMF’s policy committee Saturday, Yi Gang, the head of China’s central bank, said that global growth could be hurt by “an escalation of trade frictions caused by unilateral actions,” an obvious reference to America’s threatened tariffs against China.

Mnuchin insisted that the United States was not trying to provoke a global trade war but seeking to protect American jobs from unfair competition. “The president has been very clear on what our objectives are,” Mnuchin said. “We are looking for reciprocal treatment. This is not about protectionism.”

There were signs of conciliation. The U.S. dropped its objection to the first increase in the World Bank’s capital resources since 2010, clearing the way for the bank’s board to OK a \$13 billion increase in its capacity to make loans to poor countries. The move was tied to a package of reforms the U.S. had sought.



Mnuchin



# Nation

## Laughter, tears as former first lady Barbara Bush remembered

HOUSTON (AP)—Barbara Bush was remembered as the “first lady of the Greatest Generation” during a funeral Saturday attended by four former U.S. presidents and hundreds of other people who filled a Houston church with laughter as much as tears, with many recalling her quick wit and devotion to family.

Former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush joked that his mother called her style of raising him and his siblings “a benevolent dictatorship”—but honestly, it wasn’t always benevolent.” She was widely admired for her plainspoken style during her husband George H.W. Bush’s presidency and was known as “The Enforcer” in her high-powered family.

Jeb Bush said he could feel her presence Saturday inside the nation’s largest Episcopal church and that she would likely have given him advice: “Jeb, keep it short. Don’t drag this out,” he said to chuckles. He met her expectations with a speech lasting about seven minutes.

He choked up at one point while addressing the roughly 1,500 people seated inside St. Martin’s Episcopal Church, where his parents regularly worshipped, when saying his mother—known for her self-deprecating remarks about her wrinkles and white-gray hair—was “beautiful” until the very end.

His father, a prolific writer of love letters to his wife,



Pallbearers carry the casket of former first lady Barbara Bush after a funeral service for former first lady Barbara Bush at St. Martin’s Episcopal Church, Saturday, April 21, 2018, in Houston. AP

laughed when his son read a letter from their wedding anniversary in 1994. It began: “Will you marry me? Oops! I forgot we did that, 49 years ago.” But when his son continued reading, about how his father grew happier each year spent with his wife, his father closed his eyes and cried. Jeb Bush later hugged his father and kissed him on the cheek.

Presidential historian Jon

Meacham, who wrote a 2015 biography on the former president, recalled during his eulogy Barbara Bush’s devotion to her husband of 73 years, noting he was the “only boy she ever kissed.” Theirs was the longest marriage of any presidential couple.

Meacham said Barbara Bush was also known for bringing awareness to AIDS patients and for her work

promoting literacy, which her husband subtly honored Saturday by wearing socks printed with blue, red and yellow books.

“Barbara Bush was the first lady of the Greatest Generation,” Meacham said, a nod to the generation that fought in World War II.

The couple’s family, including their five children, 17 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren, played

prominent roles in the service. Granddaughters offered readings, some of their voices shaky with emotion, while their eight grandsons were pallbearers.

The Bush family was seated in front of the church. Nearby, two other former presidents—Bill Clinton and Barack Obama—along with their wives and current first lady Melania Trump were seated in the same pew.

A eulogy was also given by Barbara Bush’s longtime friend, Susan Baker, wife of former Secretary of State James A. Baker III. She said Bush—the wife of the nation’s 41st president and mother of the 43rd—was “the secret sauce of this extraordinary family.”

As the funeral ended, George H.W. Bush was pushed in his wheelchair by another son, former President George W. Bush, as they followed the casket out of the church’s cavernous sanctuary, which had been adorned with sprays of yellow garden roses, yellow snap dragons and antique hydrangeas.

They stopped along the way to shake hands as mourners sang “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee,” which Barbara Bush had requested as the final song. She died on Tuesday, with her husband by her side, at their home in Houston. She was 92.

Barbara Bush was buried Saturday afternoon at her husband’s presidential library at Texas A&M University in College Station, about 100 miles (161 kilometers) northwest of Houston. The burial site is in a gated plot surrounded by trees and near a creek where the couple’s 3-year-old daughter Robin is buried. She died of leukemia in 1953.

“It was a very brief but poignant and beautiful ending to a very moving and incredible day. It would have been exactly what Barbara Bush wanted,” family spokesman Jim McGrath said.

## After air accidents, survivors grapple with flying again

By DEE-ANN DURBIN  
AP BUSINESS WRITER

Hundreds of hands grappling with oxygen masks. Flight attendants warning passengers to brace for impact. The plane hurtling toward the unforgiving ground.

Survivors of air accidents often proclaim that their survival was a miracle. But what follows is another kind of miracle: Many survivors manage to get past the horror and onto planes again.

How do they do it?

It’s a question facing survivors of this week’s Southwest Airlines accident, which killed one woman who was sucked partway out of the plane after the engine exploded and shattered a window.

Authorities said 148 passengers walked away, underscoring an important point: Plane crashes are rare, but when they happen, people often survive them. Between 1983 and 2000, 95.7 percent of people involved in commercial airline

accidents survived, according to government data. In 2013, 304 of the 307 passengers survived an Asiana Airlines crash in San Francisco. And the horrific 1989 crash of a United Airlines flight in Sioux City, Iowa, had 185 survivors.

For guidance, survivors of Southwest Flight 1380 might look to those others who have survived air disasters. Some of them say it’s critical to get back in the air quickly; they suggest counseling, prayer and even calming apps. But others never get over the fear.

Dave Sanderson was the last passenger to exit US Airways Flight 1549 after its emergency landing in the Hudson River in January 2009. He spent one night recovering from hypothermia at a New York hospital. The next day he had to make a decision: Could he fly back home to North Carolina?

Sanderson steeled himself; flying was the fastest way home. When he arrived at the gate, the captain and first officer got off the plane, listened

to his story and reassured him. A flight attendant cleared a row of seats for him.

“If you don’t get back immediately, you may never get back on that plane,” said Sanderson, who now travels around the country giving inspirational speeches.

Sanderson makes it a habit to talk to the crew when he boards a plane. He also learns about the plane, including the exit strategy and what kind of doors it has.

Others lean on faith. Helen Young Hayes survived the crash of United Flight 232 in Sioux City, which killed 111 people. Hayes, a lifelong Catholic, closed her eyes and prayed as the plane went down; later, as she recovered from her burns, she thought a lot about why her life was spared.

Hayes started flying again about two months after the crash, confident that God would hold her whatever the outcome of the flight. She has since flown more than 1 million miles.

## Trump says he doesn’t think personal lawyer will ‘flip’

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. (AP)—President Donald Trump said Saturday that he doesn’t expect Michael Cohen, his longtime personal lawyer and fixer, to “flip” as the government investigates Cohen’s business dealings.

Trump, in a series of tweets fired off from Florida on the morning of former first lady Barbara Bush’s funeral, accused The New York Times and one of its reporters of “going out of their way to destroy Michael Cohen and his relationship with me in the hope that he will ‘flip’”—a term that can mean cooperating with the government in exchange for leniency.

“Most people will flip if the Government lets them out of trouble,” even if “it means lying or making up stories,” Trump said, before adding: “Sorry, I don’t see Michael doing that despite the horrible Witch Hunt and the dishonest media!”

The FBI raided Cohen’s

home, office and hotel room earlier this month looking for evidence of fraud as they conduct a criminal investigation. That included records related to payments Cohen made in 2016 to adult film star Stormy Daniels and former Playboy model Karen McDougal, both of whom allege having had sexual encounters with Trump, people familiar with the raid have told The Associated Press.

Prosecutors have said they’re investigating Cohen’s personal business dealings but haven’t said what crime they believe he may have committed. Cohen’s lawyers have called the raid an assault on attorney-client privilege and Trump has said it was “an attack on our country.”

In the tweets, sent shortly after he arrived at one of his Florida golf courses, Trump accused the newspaper of using “non-existent ‘sources’” in a Friday story about the relationship between Trump

and Cohen, who has said he would “take a bullet” for his boss. The story quoted several people on the record.

Trump also lashed out personally at one of the story’s writers, calling reporter Maggie Haberman “third rate” and claiming he has “nothing to do with” her. Trump later deleted and reposted the tweets correcting the spelling of Haberman’s name.

Haberman is widely seen as one of the most diligent reporters covering the president and is known to speak with him often. The Times responded on Twitter, saying it stood by the story and praising Haberman, who was part of the team that just won a Pulitzer Prize for its reporting on Trump.

The tweets came as the rest of the country was preparing for the funeral of Mrs. Bush. The president chose not to go to the Houston service, but first lady Melania Trump attended. Trump tweeted that he would watch from Florida.



## Asia

## N. Korea, setting stage for talks, halts nuclear, ICBM tests

SEOUL, South Korea (AP)—North Korea announced that it will suspend nuclear tests and intercontinental ballistic missile launches ahead of its summits with Seoul and Washington, but stopped short of suggesting it has any intention of giving up its hard-won nuclear arsenal.

The announcement, which sets the table for further negotiations when the summits begin, was made by leader Kim Jong Un at a meeting of the North Korean ruling party's Central Committee on Friday. It was reported by the North's state-run media early Saturday.

Kim justified the suspension to his party by saying the situation around North Korea has been rapidly changing "in favor of the Korean revolution" since he announced last year that his country had completed its nuclear forces.

He said North Korea has reached the level where it no longer needs underground testing or test-launching of ICBMs, and added that it would close its nuclear testing facility at Punggye-ri, which was already believed to have been rendered unusable due to tunnel collapses after the North's test of its most powerful bomb to date last year.

The announcement is Kim's opening gambit to set the tone for summit talks with South Korean President Moon Jae-in, set for next Friday, and U.S. President Don-



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A girl writes a message next to a map of the Korean peninsula during the welcoming event for the summit between South Korea and North Korea in downtown Seoul, South Korea, Saturday, April 21, 2018.

speaking to the media, but Son told The Associated Press that the news made him feel the "future road will be brighter and prosperous."

Some analysts believe Kim feels he is entering the summit negotiations from a position of strength and is hoping to achieve tacit recognition that his country is now a nuclear power. They believe he wants to engage in talks and make some concessions around the edges that would convince Washington and other countries to ease sanctions on his struggling economy.

In his speech at the party meeting, Kim praised his nuclear policy as "a miraculous victory" achieved in just five years. A resolution passed after his speech also stressed that the country had successfully achieved its goals of obtaining a viable nuclear force and suggested it intends to keep that force.

ald Trump, expected in late May or early June.

Trump almost immediately responded with a tweet, saying, "This is very good news for North Korea and the World" and "big progress!" He added that he's looking forward to his summit with Kim.

South Korea's presidential office also welcomed North Korea's announcement as "meaningful progress" toward the denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula. Presiden-

tial official Yoon Young-chan said in a statement that the North's decision brightens the prospects for successful talks between Seoul, Pyongyang and Washington.

Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe offered a more guarded reaction.

"What is crucial here ... is how this development is going to lead to the complete, verifiable and irreversible dismantlement of nuclear arms, weapons of mass destruction and missiles," he said. "And I

will keep a close eye on that."

Pyongyang residents, who have been largely kept in the dark about Kim's plans to meet Trump, gathered at subway stations, where newspapers are posted for the public,

or around large screens in city plazas to see the reports.

One resident, 34-year-old Son Kum Chol, said he read the news in the ruling party's newspaper. North Koreans are extremely cautious when

## Rohingya refugees rescued after drifting at sea for 9 days

BIREUEN, Indonesia (AP)—A Rohingya Muslim man among a group of 76 rescued in a wooden boat in Indonesian waters says they were at sea for nine days after leaving Myanmar, where the minority group faces intense persecution, and were hoping to reach Malaysia.

The eight children, 25 women and 43 men were brought ashore on Friday afternoon at Bireuen in Aceh province on the island of Sumatra, the third known attempt by members of the ethnic minority to escape Myanmar by sea this month. Several required medical attention for dehydration and exhaustion, local authorities said.

Fariq Muhammad said he paid the equivalent of about \$150 for a place on the boat that left from Myanmar's Rakhine state, where a violent military crackdown on Rohingya has sparked an exodus of some 700,000 refugees over land into neighboring Bangladesh since August.

The refugee vessel was inter-

cepted by a Thai navy frigate and later escorted by a Thai patrol vessel until sighting land, said Fariq. The group believed the Thais understood they wanted to reach Malaysia and were dismayed when they realized they were in Indonesia, said Fariq, who gave the identification numbers of the Thai vessels.

"We were forced to leave because we could not stay, could not work, so our lives became difficult in Myanmar. Our identity card was not given, so we were forced to go," he told The Associated Press on Saturday.

Local officials and a charitable group are providing shelter and food for the refugees. The International Organization for Migration said it had sent a team from its Medan office in Sumatra, including Rohingya interpreters, to help local officials with humanitarian assistance.

Rohingya, treated as undesirable and denied citizenship in predominantly Buddhist Myanmar, used to flee by sea by the thousands each year until

security in Myanmar was tightened after a surge of refugees in 2015 caused regional alarm.

But there has been an apparent increase in Rohingya attempts to leave the country by sea this month. An Indonesian fishing boat rescued a group of five Rohingya in weak condition off westernmost Aceh province on April 6, after a 20-day voyage in which five other people died.

Just days before, Malaysian authorities intercepted a vessel carrying 56 people believed to be Rohingya refugees and brought the vessel and its passengers to shore.

Mohammad Saleem, part of the group that landed Friday in Aceh, said they left from Sittwe in Rakhine state, the location of displacement camps for Rohingya set up following attacks in 2012 by Buddhist mobs.

"We're not allowed to do anything. We don't have a livelihood," the 25-year-old said. "We can only live in the camps with not enough food to eat there. We have no rights there."

## ASIAN BRIEFS

## World's oldest person dies in Japan at age of 117

TOKYO (AP)—The world's oldest person, a 117-year-old Japanese woman, has died. Nabi Tajima died of old age in a hospital Saturday evening in the town of Kikai in southern Japan, town official Susumu Yoshiyuki confirmed. She had been hospitalized since January. Tajima, born on Aug. 4, 1900, was the last known person born in the 19th century. She raised seven sons and two daughters and reportedly had more than 160 descendants, including great-great-grandchildren. Her town of Kikai is a small island of about 7,000 people halfway between Okinawa and Kyushu, the southernmost of Japan's four main islands. She became the world's oldest person seven months ago after the death in September of Violet Brown in Jamaica, also at the age of 117. Video shown on Japanese television showed Tajima moving her hands to the beat of music played on traditional Japanese instruments at a ceremony to mark the achievement. The U.S.-based Gerontology Research Group says that another Japanese woman, Chiyo

Miyako, is now the world's oldest person in its records. Miyako lives south of Tokyo in Kanagawa prefecture, and is due to turn 117 in 10 days. Guinness World Records certified 112-year-old Masazo Nonaka of northern Japan as the world's oldest man earlier this month, and was planning to recognize Tajima as the world's oldest person.

## Afghan official says Taliban kill 6 at police checkpoint

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP)—An Afghan official says that at least six local police were killed when a group of Taliban fighters attacked and overran their checkpoint in northern Sari Pul province. Zabi Amani, spokesman for the provincial governor, said Saturday two other policemen were wounded in the late Friday night attack. Amani said reinforcements arrived and a sporadic gun battle is still underway in Sayad district. He added that three Taliban fighters were killed and two others were wounded in the battle. Zabihullah Mujahid, Taliban spokesman, claimed responsibility for the attack. Taliban have increased their attacks in the province of late. Last week, Taliban killed 11 Afghan para-

military forces in Sari Pul.

## 17 killed as 2 dragon boats capsize in southern China

BEIJING (AP)—Seventeen people were killed after two dragon boats capsized in southern China, authorities said Sunday. The boats were practicing Saturday for a race in the Taohua River in the city of Guilin when the accident happened, said the fire department of the city of Guilin, capital of Guangxi region. It was not immediately clear what caused the boats to capsize. The fire department said on its official account on the social media site Sina Weibo that search efforts ended late Saturday and 17 people had been confirmed dead. A total of 60 people fell into the water. The official Xinhua News Agency said eight boats and over 200 people had been deployed to the rescue. Two organizers of the practice, from the village of Dunmu, were detained, Xinhua said. China has sought to step up safety surrounding nationwide dragon boat racing during the Duanwu festival, which falls near the summer solstice and commemorates the death of the poet and minister Qu Yuan in the third century B.C.



# World

## Chemical weapons inspectors collect samples from Syria site

**BEIRUT** (AP)—Chemical weapons inspectors collected samples from Syria's Douma on Saturday, two weeks after a suspected gas attack there followed by retaliatory strikes by Western powers on the Syrian government's chemical facilities.

The site visit, confirmed by the Organization of the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons, would allow the agency to proceed with an independent investigation to determine what chemicals, if any, were used in the April 7 attack that medical workers said killed more than 40 people.

Douma was the final target of the government's sweeping campaign to seize back control of the eastern Ghouta suburbs of Damascus from rebels after seven years of revolt. Militants gave up the town days after the alleged attack.

The U.S., France, and Britain blamed the President Bashar Assad's government for the attack, and struck suspected Syrian chemical weapons facilities one week later.

The Syrian government and its ally Russia denied responsibility for the attack.

OPCW inspectors arrived in Damascus just hours before the April 15 strikes but were delayed from visiting the site until Saturday, leading Western officials and Syrian activists



to accuse Russia and the Syrian government of staging a cover-up.

"I won't find any hope in my heart until the Assad regime is held accountable and eradicated from government in Syria," said Bilal Abou Salah, a Douma media activist who left the town after the government takeover. He said

he feared Russian and Syrian government personnel destroyed potential evidence in the two weeks since the alleged attack.

The OPCW said in a statement that it visited "one of the sites" in Douma to collect samples for analysis at agency-designated laboratories, adding it would "consider

future steps including another possible visit to Douma."

It said the mission will draft a report based on the findings, "as well other information and materials collected by the team."

The OPCW mission is not mandated to apportion blame for the attack.

A U.N. security team had scouted Douma on Tuesday to see if it was safe for weapons inspectors to visit. The team came under small arms and

explosives fire, leading the agency to delay its mission.

Journalists visiting Douma the previous day, escorted by government minders, experienced no security issues.

Russian ministry spokeswoman Maria Zakharova said the delays to the OPCW team were "unacceptable," in a statement Saturday.

Douma is just minutes away from Damascus, where the OPCW team is based.

AP  
In this Monday, April 16, 2018 photo, people gather in front of a hospital that locals referred as Point One, left, just meters away from where the alleged chemical weapons attack occurred in the town of Douma, the site of a suspected chemical weapons attack, near Damascus, Syria.

Images emerging from Douma in the hours after the attack showed lifeless bodies collapsed in crowded rooms, some with foam around their noses and mouths.

Abou Salah entered one of the buildings affected by the alleged gas attack the following day and took footage of a yellow cylinder with a gas valve on the top floor. He said it had crashed through the roof and showed a gash in the ceiling where it purportedly came through.

His assertions could not be independently verified. But the cylinder looked like others identified by the international NGO Human Rights Watch at other locations of chlorine gas attacks attributed to the government in 2016.

Raed Saleh, the head of the Syrian Civil Defense search-and-rescue group, also known as the White Helmets, told The Associated Press on Wednesday that his organization had shared the coordinates of the graves of April 7 victims with the OPCW, so that inspectors could take biological samples.

### WORLD BRIEFS

#### Armenia protests: 70 arrested, including 2 suspected bombers

**YEREVAN, Armenia** (AP)—Armenian authorities say more than 70 people have been arrested, including two people suspected of building bombs, as large protests against the new government entered their second week in the capital. Thousands of demonstrators on Saturday closed off streets in Yerevan during a march pressing demands for the prime minister to resign. Former President Serzh Sargsyan was named premier this week as Armenia transitioned to a new system of government that reduces the presidency's power and bolsters the prime minister role. Opponents say the shift effectively makes Sargsyan Armenia's leader for life. The national security service said two people with opposition connections were arrested for preparing bombings in public places. Police, meanwhile, said at least 70 demonstrators were detained. In the evening, about 50,000 demonstrators gathered in the capital's central Republic Square.

#### French nun known as allied troops 'White Angel' dies at 103

**DIEPPE, France** (AP)—The mayor of a city in France's Normandy region says a 103-year-old nun known as the "White Angel" to allied soldiers injured during a failed World War II raid has died. The city of Dieppe in Normandy said that a tribute to Sister Agnes-Marie Valois will be held on April 24 at the Canadian cemetery. The ceremony is set to be attended by the Canada ambassador to France. Most of the soldiers killed or captured during the Aug. 19,

1942 raid in Dieppe were Canadian, as were the troops the French nun and nurse cared for. Dieppe Mayor Nicolas Langlois says flags have been lowered to half-staff in the city to pay tribute to "a great lady of our history." Valois, who took vows as a nun in 1936 and also worked as a nurse at the Dieppe hospital, was living in retirement at a monastery when she died Thursday. The Dieppe Raid of 1942 is remembered as one of the darkest chapters in Canada's military history. A 6,000-man force made up mainly of Canadians made an amphibious assault on Dieppe only to be repelled by the occupying Germans' superior firepower.

#### State media: Saudi security forces respond to small drone

**DUBAI, United Arab Emirates** (AP)—Saudi state media is reporting that security forces responded to a small drone flying over a neighborhood in the kingdom's capital after online videos circulated purporting to show the area ringing with small-arms fire. The state-run Saudi Press Agency wrote on Twitter Saturday night that an investigation into the incident was underway. Fear over a drone isn't unfounded for Saudi Arabia. In Yemen, Shiite rebels and their allies fighting against a Saudi-led coalition have used bomb-carrying drones and flown others into the kingdom's Patriot missile batteries. The Saudi-led coalition and weapons analysts have said evidence suggests Iran supplies those drones, as well as light weapons and ballistic-missile technology, to the rebels. Iran has denied providing arms to the rebels, while criticizing the U.S. for largely arming the Saudi-led coalition.

## Journalist among over 2 dozen killed in Nicaragua unrest

**MEXICO CITY** (AP)—In the grainy, nighttime video, journalist Angel Gahona, clad in jeans and a blue shirt, holds up a cellphone and narrates as he approaches the facade of city hall in Bluefields, Nicaragua, reporting live via Facebook on protests that have rocked the Central American nation for four days.

Seconds later a gunshot rings out and Gahona slumps lifeless to the curb. Voices cry his name and someone presses a piece of cloth to his head to try to staunch the stream of blood. Another Bluefields reporter, Ileana Lacayo, confirms that he died before reaching the hospital.

Besides Gahona at least 25 others have been killed since Wednesday in unrest over social security reforms planned by President Daniel Ortega's government, according to a human rights group. Dozens more have been injured or arrested.

Ortega said Saturday in his first public appearance since the demonstrations began that his government is willing to enter into talks over the dis-

pute. In a nationally televised address, he said he is open to negotiations so that there is "no more terror for Nicaraguan families."

But he said the dialogue would be just with business leaders and not with other sectors of society. He also seemed to try to justify what has been a heavy-handed response by the government and allied groups, accusing demonstrators, most of them university students, of being manipulated by unspecified "minority" political interests and of being infiltrated by gangsters.

"What is happening in our country has no name. The kids do not even know the party that is manipulating them. ... Gang members are being brought into the kids' protests and are criminalizing the protests. That is why they are put at risk," Ortega said.

Those remarks appeared to fan the flames, as soon afterward thousands of people spilled back into the streets in seven cities including the capital, Managua, after tensions had calmed somewhat Friday night.

"We are in the streets asking for Ortega and his wife to go. This has already gone beyond the social security issue. Here there have been dead, wounded, and he does not even apologize for his killings or the savage repression against the people," said Mauri Hernandez, one of thousands of demonstrators at a central rotunda.

On Friday night Vice President, first lady and government spokeswoman Rosario Murillo said nine people had been confirmed dead in the clashes, though the human rights group Cenidh said Saturday it had counted at least 25 deaths nationwide.

Minutes later news emerged of the killing of Gahona, who worked for the news show Meridiano. In a separate video that he himself filmed, he showed damage to an ATM as riot police advanced up a darkened street.

The source of the gunshot was not discernible in either of the videos, but Lacayo was quoted by La Prensa newspaper as saying that police were the only ones carrying weapons at the scene.



# Health & Wellness

## WOMEN'S WELLNESS

# Understanding depression and the gender gap



Women are nearly twice as likely as men to be diagnosed with depression.

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## Fighting negative thinking

When bad things happen, they usually leave a scar. It's called trauma. When memories of the trauma keep popping up in your mind and make you uncomfortable, that's post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD). If this is happening in your psyche, you can do some internal work to make your life easier and lessen the unwanted thoughts. Yes, this is work, but it's well worth the effort.

■ **Make meditation and visualization your new best friends.** Learning very simple techniques can really change your thinking and your feelings about almost anything. There are so many different ways to do this, with classes and the Internet being the easiest. If this sounds too "brown rice" for you, remember that medical science has proven that it works.

■ **When distressing thoughts come into your mind, become aware of them as soon as possible.** You may not actually realize you are thinking about what hurt you, and once you do, you can take steps to change your thinking and thereby your mood. Negative thoughts do not have as much power as you do.

■ **Look at what you are doing when you start feeling uncomfortable.** If you are in bed in the morning, it's better to get up and get your day started. It's amazing how feeding the cat can take your mind off a painful memory. If you are sitting down, just stand up and go outside, take a deep breath, look around, and realize you are in the present moment.

■ **Know that you have the ability to change your thinking.** Once you've switched your thoughts from negative to neutral or positive a few times, you can do it again. Practice thinking of positive things even when you are feeling okay. Let yourself start to dream about the future again.

■ **Own your empowerment.** The problem is that when those old traumas get triggered, it takes over your mind, and you might (for the moment) forget you have some tools to deal with it. Using reminders of some kind, even Post-Its, can help you keep your focus where you want it.

■ **Don't beat yourself up.** It will take a while to heal, and you can't control your dreams or thoughts upon waking, but you can take steps to change this. As long as you are doing what you can to make your inner world more peaceful, you are succeeding. Just remember that.

■ **If you can't find the motivation yourself, ask someone who loves you if he or she would be your coach for a little while.** Or seek out a support group or licensed counselor. And sometimes these thoughts can have a physical or biochemical root, so it's always wise to see your medical doctor.

If you've had enough of living in emotional pain, I strongly encourage you to take some of the steps above, as well as many others. You may never forget what traumatized you, but if you do a little mental exercise, it won't have the same negative effect on you. The thing you have to remember is that you are in charge. You may just have to grab yourself by the scruff of the neck and tell yourself how much better your life will be if you can let go of past trauma.

Women are nearly twice as likely as men to be diagnosed with depression. Depression can occur at any age.

Some mood changes and depressed feelings occur with normal hormonal changes. But hormonal changes alone don't cause depression. Other biological factors, inherited traits, and personal life circumstances and experiences are associated with a higher risk of depression. Here's what contributes to depression in women.

### PUBERTY

Hormone changes during puberty may increase some girls' risk of developing depression. However, temporary mood swings related to fluctuating hormones during puberty are normal—these changes alone don't cause depression.

Puberty is often associated with other experiences that can play a role in depression, such as:

- Emerging sexuality and identity issues
- Conflicts with parents
- Increasing pressure to achieve in school, sports or other areas of life

After puberty, depression rates are higher in females than in males. Because girls typically reach puberty before boys do, they're more likely to develop depression at an earlier age than boys are. This depression gender gap lasts until after menopause.

### PREGNANCY

Dramatic hormonal changes occur during pregnancy, and these can affect mood. Other issues also may increase the risk of developing depression during pregnancy or during attempts to become pregnant, such as:

- Lifestyle or work changes or other life stressors
- Relationship problems
- Previous episodes of depression, postpartum depression or PMDD
- Lack of social support
- Unintended or unwanted pregnancy
- Miscarriage
- Infertility
- Stopping use of antidepressant medications

### POSTPARTUM DEPRESSION

Many new mothers find themselves sad, angry and irritable, and experience crying spells soon after giving birth. These feelings—sometimes called the baby blues—are normal and generally subside within a week or two. But more-serious or long-lasting depressed feelings may indicate postpartum depression, particularly if signs and symptoms include:

- Low self-esteem or feeling like you're a bad mom
- Anxiety or feeling numb
- Trouble sleeping, even when your baby is sleeping
- Problems with daily functioning
- Inability to care for your baby
- Thoughts of harming your baby
- Thoughts of suicide

Postpartum depression is a serious medical condition requiring prompt treatment. It occurs in about 10 to 15 percent of women. It's thought to be associated with:

- Major hormonal fluctuations that influence mood
- The responsibility of caring for a newborn
- Predisposition to mood and anxiety disorders
- Birth complications
- Breast-feeding problems
- Infant complications or special needs
- Poor social support

### PREMENSTRUAL PROBLEMS

For most females with premenstrual syndrome (PMS), symptoms such as abdominal bloating, breast tenderness, headache, anxiety, irritability and experiencing the blues are minor and short-lived. But a small number of females have severe and disabling symptoms that disrupt their studies, jobs, relationships or other areas of their lives. At that point, PMS may cross the line into premenstrual dysphoric disorder (PMDD)—a type of depression that generally requires treatment.

The exact interaction between depression and PMS remains unclear. It's possible that cyclical changes in estrogen, progesterone and other hormones can disrupt the function of brain chemicals such as serotonin that control mood. Inherited traits, life experiences and other factors appear to play a role. (*Mayo Clinic News Network/TNS*)

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# Life & Style

## Avicii, DJ-producer who performed around the world, dies

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**NEW YORK (AP)**—Avicii, the Grammy-nominated electronic dance DJ who performed sold-out concerts for feverish fans around the world and also had massive success on U.S. pop radio, died Friday. He was 28.

Publicist Diana Baron said in a statement that the Swedish performer, born Tim Bergling, was found dead in Muscat, Oman.

"It is with profound sorrow that we announce the loss of Tim Bergling, also known as Avicii," the statement read. "The family is devastated and we ask everyone to please respect their need for privacy in this difficult time. No further statements will be given."

No more details about the death were provided. Oman police and state media had no immediate report late Friday night on the artist's death.

Avicii was an international pop star, performing his well-known electronic dance songs around the world for die-hard fans, sometimes hundreds of thousands at music festivals, where he was the headline act. His popular sound even sent him to the top of the charts and landed onto U.S. radio: His most recognized song, the country-dance mashup "Wake Me Up," was a multi-platinum success and peaked at No. 4 on Billboard's Hot 100 chart. On the dance charts, he had seven Top 10 hits.

But in 2016, the performer announced he was retiring from the road. He continued to produce songs and albums.

Avicii was part of the wave of DJ-producers, like David Guetta, Calvin Harris and Swedish House Mafia, who broke out on the scene as lead performers in their own right, earning international hits, fame, awards and more like typical pop stars.

Avicii earned his first Grammy nomination at the 2012 show—for a collaboration with Guetta. It was around the time he gained more fame for the Etta James-sampled dance jam, "Le7els," which reached No. 1 in Sweden.

He continued to collaborate with more high-profile acts, producing Madonna's "Devil Pray" and the Coldplay hits, "A Sky Full of Stars" and "Hymn for the Weekend." He was even part of Mike Posner's megahit "I Took a Pill in Ibiza," which featured the lyrics: "I took a pill in Ibiza/To show Avicii I was cool." The

song was based off Posner's true story at an Avicii concert in Ibiza.

Avicii built a strong musical and personal friendship with Nile Rodgers, who called Avicii his "little brother" in an interview with The Associated Press on Friday.

"I'm shocked because I don't know medically what happened, but I can just say as a person, as a friend, and more importantly, as a musician, Tim was one of the greatest, natural melody writers I've ever worked with, and I've worked with some of the most brilliant musicians on this planet," Rodgers said.

Avicii had in the past suffered acute pancreatitis, in part due to excessive drinking. After having his gallbladder and appendix removed in 2014, he canceled a series of shows in attempt to recover.

"It's been a very crazy journey. I started producing when I was 16. I started touring when I was 18. From that point on, I just jumped into 100 percent," Avicii told The Hollywood Reporter in 2016. "When I look back on my life, I think: whoa, did I do that? It was the best time of my life in a sense. It came with a price - a lot of stress a lot of anxiety for me - but it was the best journey of my life."

Rodgers said his last performance with Avicii—about three years ago—upset him because of Avicii's drinking.

"It was a little bit sad to me because he had promised me he would stop drinking, and when I saw him he was drunk that night. And I was like, 'Whoa. Dude. C'mon. What are you doing? What's going on? You said that that was done,'" Rodgers recalled. "We did a show and I was a little upset. I didn't even stick around for his performance because it was breaking my heart. But we still had a great time. It was wonderful—we were that close."

Last year, Avicii posted this message on his website, promising to keep creating: "The next stage will be all about my love of making music to you guys. It is the beginning of something new."

Fans and members of the music community mourned his death on social media Friday.

"Something really horrible happened. We lost a friend with such a beautiful heart and the world lost an incredibly talented musician," Guetta wrote on Instagram. "Thank you for your beautiful melodies, the time we shared in the studio, playing together as djs

or just enjoying life as friends. RIP @avicii."

Calvin Harris called Avicii "a beautiful soul, passionate and extremely talented with so much more to know him and admired him as an artist and the great person he was. He made our wed-



Avicii

Sweden's Prince Carl Philip and Princess Sofia, who knew Avicii from playing at their wedding, said they were saddened by his death.

"We are grateful that we got to know him and admired him as an artist and the great person he was. He made our wed-

ding unforgettable with his amazing music. Our warmest thoughts go to his family," they said in a joint statement.

Swedish Prime Minister Stefan Lofven called the lost star "one of Sweden's biggest musicians".

Avicii, a two-time Grammy nominee, won two MTV Europe Music Awards and one Billboard Music Award. His death comes just days after

he was nominated for a 2018 Billboard Music Award for top dance/electronic album for his EP "Avicii (01)."

Avicii is the subject of the 2017 Levan Tsikurishvili documentary "Avicii: True Stories."

Muscat, where Avicii died, is the capital of the sultanate on the eastern edge of the Arabian Peninsula. It is a popular vacation destination on the Arabian Sea.

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He was loved by many and to those whom he crossed paths. He left a legacy of a respectable and honorable man. His genuine smile, joyful greeting, friendly chats, and assisting hands will be greatly missed by many.

Sailing through the gate of Paradise, *CONRAD* is welcomed by his parents **William Conrad Villagomez and Primitiva Roberto Sablan Hofschneider**; his sister **Ana Hofschneider Flores**; maternal grandparents **Bienvenido Concepcion and Rosalia Roberto Sablan**; paternal grandparents **Henry Gigibai and Ana Cruz Villagomez**, together with his numerous aunts and uncles **Maria Sablan** and **Santiago C. Tenorio**, **Ana Roberto Sablan**, **Felix Roberto Sablan**, **Margaret H.** and **Felipe A. Salas**, **Freddy V.** and **Maria U. Hofschneider**, **Richard V.** and **Andresina U. Hofschneider**, **Henry V. Hofschneider**, **Edward V.** and **Marcela U. Hofschneider**, **Bernard V. Hofschneider**, **Guillermina H.** and **Jose P. San Nicolas** and **Edwig V. Hofschneider**.

His memories will forever live in the hearts of his wife **Wilfreda Bonifacio Hofschneider** siblings and their families: **Heinz and Susana**; **Henry and Elena**; **William and Susan**; **Joseph and Carlyn**; and **Felix and Emiliana**.

*CONRAD* is also survived by his reared son **Benjamin H. Flores** and reared daughter **Nikita Ann T. Hofschneider** and brother-in-law **Augustine A. Flores**; his maternal aunt and uncle **Rosa Sablan and Lorenzo DLG. Cabrera**; his paternal aunts **Augusta H. Palacios**, **Magdalena M. Hofschneider**, **Guadalupe DLR. Hofschneider**, and **Emerenciana A. Hofschneider**; numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, nephews, nieces and godchildren.

Daily mass of intention is being offered at 6:00 a.m. at Mount Carmel Cathedral. We, the family, respectfully invite our relatives and friends to join us on **Tuesday, April 24, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. at Mount Carmel Cathedral for the celebration of the Eucharist, followed immediately with the Rite of Committal at Mount Carmel Cemetery in Chalan Kanoa where he will be laid to peaceful rest with his parents and sister.**

Your presence, thoughts and most especially your prayers are sincerely appreciated.

**WILFREDA BONIFACIO HOFSCHNEIDER  
CHILDREN OF \*WILLIAM V. AND \*PRIMITIVA S. HOFSCHNEIDER**



# Investigation says Prince was isolated, addicted and in pain

MINNEAPOLIS (AP)—After Prince had to be revived from a drug overdose a week before his death, one friend told the musical superstar that he needed to stop taking painkillers. But Prince said he couldn't—his hands hurt so much that if he quit, he'd have to stop performing.

"This piano tour I think was getting to his hands," singer Judith Hill told investigators, according to a transcript of her interview.

Those words, found amid hundreds of pages of interviews between investigators and Prince's closest confidants, provide insight into just how much the man known for his energetic performances and larger-than-life personality was suffering. The documents open parts of Prince's life that the intensely-private celebrity tried to keep from even his closest confidants.

"How did he hide this so well?" Prince's closest friend and bodyguard Kirk Johnson said in an interview with detectives. While Johnson said he didn't realize that opioids were a problem until that overdose, he had noticed Prince was unwell before that and took him to a doctor.

In their zeal to protect Prince's privacy, Carver County Attorney Mark Metz said some of the singer's friends might have enabled him.

Prince was 57 when he was found alone and unresponsive in an elevator at his Paisley Park studio compound in suburban Minneapolis on April 21, 2016. An autopsy found he died of an accidental overdose



In this Feb. 4, 2007 file photo, Prince performs during the halftime show at the Super Bowl XLI football game at Dolphin Stadium in Miami. AP

of fentanyl, a synthetic opioid 50 times more powerful than heroin. Authorities say it is likely Prince didn't know he was taking the dangerous drug, which was laced in counterfeit pills made to look like a generic version of the painkiller Vicodin.

The source of those pills is unknown and no one has been charged in Prince's death.

Authorities say Dr. Michael Todd Schulenberg admitted that he prescribed another drug, oxycodone, under John-

son's name to protect Prince's privacy. Schulenberg disputes that, but paid \$30,000 to settle allegations the drug was prescribed illegally.

Privacy is a theme in interviews with investigators. Joshua Welton, who co-produced some of Prince's work, and Hannah Welton, the drummer in the Prince-created band 3rdEyeGirl, said they were like Prince's family.

Joshua Welton described Prince's inner circle at the time of his death as "very,

very, very, very, very tight"—including Johnson, assistant Meron Bekure and the Weltons. He said he had seen little of Prince's sister, Tyka Nelson, in recent years. "He's made comments like you guys are more family to me than my blood relatives," Welton said.

Johnson and Hill were on Prince's plane when he overdosed on the way back from an April 14, 2016, concert in Atlanta. Hill said that Prince told her he was depressed, enjoyed sleeping more than usu-

al and was incredibly bored. He told her after his show that he thought he was going to fall asleep on stage.

The plane made an emergency landing in Moline, Illinois, and after Johnson carried Prince from the plane "like you would carry a little kid or a baby," paramedics had to use two doses of a medicine that reverses the effects of an opioid overdose. When Prince took a large gasp of air and woke up, he looked at Johnson without saying anything

and Johnson told paramedics, "Prince feels fine," according to documents.

At the hospital, Prince refused medical tests. He told Hill that he had just mixed two pills—that he was a good judge of his body and wouldn't do it again. But when she told him "no more pills right?" he wouldn't agree.

"He said something like well then that means I can't perform because my hands are hurting. My hands hurt," according to a transcript of her interview with investigators.

Investigative materials released Thursday include several other interviews, documents, photos and videos. There are pictures of pills that were found in various bottles in several different rooms. Authorities have said many of those pills were not in their proper containers, and many were counterfeit.

## Sarah Jessica Parker calls Cynthia Nixon's run 'exciting'

NEW YORK (AP)—Cynthia Nixon's quest for the governorship of New York state has at least one high-profile fan excited—Sarah Jessica Parker.

Parker said Thursday her former "Sex and the City" co-star would be "right for New York."

The actress spoke briefly about Nixon's New York gubernatorial run on the red carpet for the world premiere of her new film, "Blue Night," at the Tribeca Film Festival.

"I'm excited about her candidacy. I'm proud of her. I know she loves this city. She's born and raised here, and I think a lot of people are excited and enthusiastically supporting her," Parker said.

Then she added: "I think she's been great for the conversation."

"Sex and the City" ran on HBO from 1998-2004 and spawned two films.

Parker has previously endorsed Nixon, along with "Sex and the City" co-star Kristin Davis. Nixon is challenging New York governor Andrew Cuomo in the upcoming Democratic primary.

In "Blue Night," Parker plays a New York singer who receives disturbing health-related news that makes her reevaluate her life and dreams. It was shot in just 16 days and co-stars Jacqueline Bisset, Common and Renee Zellweger.

Parker said she is proud that she also handled all of the film's vocals, including a Rufus Wainwright-penned song.

"Yeah, it's all me. Yeah, even the ambient vocals are me," Parker said.

## Natalie Portman addresses snub of 'Jewish Nobel,' backlash

JERUSALEM (AP)—Actress Natalie Portman has snubbed a prestigious prize known as the "Jewish Nobel," saying she did not want her attendance to be seen as an endorsement of Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu.

Portman was to have received the award in Israel in June and said in a statement issued early Saturday that her reasons for skipping the ceremony had been mischaracterized by others, and she is not part of the BDS, a Palestinian-led global movement of boycott, divestment and sanctions against Israel.

News of Portman's decision to skip the event triggered an angry backlash Friday from some in the country's political establishment.

That was due to reports that Portman through a representative had told the Genesis Prize Foundation she was experiencing "extreme distress" over attending its ceremony and would "not feel comfort-

able participating in any public events in Israel."

Portman's statement said her decision had been mischaracterized.

"Let me speak for myself. I chose not to attend because I did not want to appear as endorsing Benjamin Netanyahu, who was to be giving a speech at the ceremony," she wrote.

"Like many Israelis and Jews around the world, I can be critical of the leadership in Israel without wanting to boycott the entire nation. I treasure my Israeli friends and family, Israeli food, books, art, cinema, and dance."

She asked people to "not take any words that do not come directly from me as my own."

Israel faces some international criticism over its use of lethal force in response to mass protests along the Gaza border led by the Islamic militant group

that rules the territory.

One Israeli lawmaker warned that Portman's decision is a sign of eroding support for Israel among young American Jews.

The Jerusalem-born Portman is a dual Israeli-American citizen. The Oscar-winning actress moved to the United States as a young girl, evolving from a child actress into a widely acclaimed A-list star.

Portman received the 2011 best actress Academy Award for "Black Swan," and, in 2015, she directed and starred in "Tale of Love and Darkness," a Hebrew-language film set in Israel based on an Amos Oz novel. Her success is a great source of pride for many Israelis.

The Genesis Prize Foundation said Thursday that it had been informed by Portman's representative that "recent events in Israel have been ex-

tremely distressing" to Portman, though it did not refer to specific events.

Since March 30, more than three dozen Palestinians have been killed by Israeli army fire, most of them in protests on the Gaza-Israeli border. Hundreds more have been wounded by Israeli troops during this time.

Israel says it is defending its border and accuses Hamas, a militant group sworn to Israel's destruction, of trying to carry out attacks under the guise of protests. It has said that some of those protesting at the border over the past few weeks tried to damage the fence, plant explosives and hurl firebombs, or flown kites attached to burning rags to set Israeli fields on fire. Several Israeli communities are located near the Gaza border.

Rights groups have branded open-fire rules as unlawful, saying they effectively permit soldiers to use potentially lethal force against unarmed protesters.

Israel's right-wing Culture Minister Miri Regev said in a statement Friday that she was sorry to hear that Portman "has fallen like a ripe fruit into the hands of BDS supporters," referring to the Palestinian-led boycott movement.

"Natalie, a Jewish actress born in Israel, is joining those who relate to the wondrous success story of Israel's rebirth as a story of 'darkness and darkness'," Regev said.

Rachel Azaria, a lawmaker from the centrist Kulanu party, warned that Portman's decision to stay away is a sign of eroding support for Israel among young American Jews.

"The cancellation by Natalie Portman needs to light warning signs," Azaria said in a statement. "She is totally one of us. She identifies with her Jewishness and Israeli-ness. She is expressing now the voices of many in U.S. Jewry, mainly those of the young generation. This is a community that was always a significant anchor for the state of Israel. The price of losing them could be too high."



Portman



# Police: Stalker broke into Taylor Swift's NYC home, took nap

NEW YORK (AP)—Police say a stalker broke into Taylor Swift's New York City townhouse and took a nap.

Police say officers inves-

tigating a reported break-in Friday found 22-year-old Roger Alvarado asleep in the pop star's home in the Tribeca neighborhood.

Alvarado, of Homestead, Florida, was arrested on charges of stalking, burglary, criminal mischief and trespassing. It's not clear whether he has an

attorney who can speak for him.

Alvarado was arrested at the same address on Feb. 13 on charges of breaking the front door with a shovel.

Swift was not home during Friday's break-in.

The multiplatinum-selling recording artist has dealt with stalkers on both coasts.

Police said a Colorado man arrested April 14 outside a Beverly Hills home owned by Swift had a knife, a rope and ammunition.



## SHOWBIZ TIDBITS

### Hundreds celebrate former first lady Barbara Bush in Houston

HOUSTON (AP)—The memorials to former first lady Barbara Bush have begun with a celebration of her life in front of Houston's City Hall. Mayor Sylvester Turner and several of Houston's leading clergy members from different faiths offered tributes to Bush. She died at her Houston home Tuesday at age 92. Hundreds attended the City Hall event on Thursday. The Houston Children's Chorus, a choir of 60 children that sang dozens of times for Bush and her husband, former President George H.W. Bush, performed. Meanwhile at the George W. Bush Presidential Center in Dallas, rock star Bono praised Barbara Bush for her public service impulse. He said he believed that moved her son, former President George W. Bush, to create the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief. Bono was at the center to accept a medal for distinguished leadership.

### Ariana Grande releases new song, first since 2017 bombing

NEW YORK (AP)—Ariana Grande has released her first song since a 2017 terrorist attack during her concert in the United Kingdom. The 24-year-old posted a video of "No Tears Left to Cry" on Instagram on Friday. The emotional song includes the lyrics: "Right now I'm in a state of mind/ I wanna be in like all the time/ Ain't got no tears left to

cry/ So I'm pickin' it up, I'm pickin' up." Grande suspended her Dangerous Woman Tour after a terrorist bombing killed 22 and injured more than 500 at Manchester Arena in May 2017. She returned for the One Love Manchester charity concert weeks later.

### Springsteen 'Born to Run' manuscript heads to summer auction

NEW YORK (AP)—Bruce Springsteen's songwriting scrawl is born to make bucks. Sotheby's said Friday that it will auction a handwritten working manuscript of "Born to Run" in June. The presale estimate for the single sheet of notebook paper with 30 lines of writing is \$200,000 to \$300,000. It will be offered in a books and manuscripts online auction from June 18 to June 28. It also will be exhibited in New York during that period. It's being sold by an unidentified American collector. Sotheby's says many of the lines in this 1974 version are "apparently unpublished and unrecorded," though the chorus is "nearly perfected." The artist tried out phrases, set off in parenthesis, with notes in the margin. His penmanship is adorned with curly-topped T's.

### Record Store Day: Vinyl, CDs outsell digital music

PORTLAND, Maine (AP)—Music lovers are paying homage to their local record stores. Record Store Day, which is celebrated Saturday from

coast to coast, celebrates the brick-and-mortar spot where people have long gathered to thumb through vinyl records. Chris Brown from Maine's Bull Moose Music hatched the idea in 2007. Brown wanted something for record stores along the lines of Free Comic Book Day. The annual event is now in its 11th year with hundreds of stores participating. Record stores have something to cheer: The numbers of stores are growing and sales of CDs and vinyl are outselling digital downloads for the first time since 2011.

### Roberta Flack leaves Harlem awards show after feeling ill

NEW YORK (AP)—Singer-songwriter Roberta Flack was under observation at a Manhattan hospital Saturday after suddenly feeling ill before her appearance at Harlem's Apollo Theater. The 81-year-old Grammy award-winner was taken to Harlem Hospital in an ambulance Friday evening, TMZ reported. Flack apparently became very dizzy as she was about to receive a lifetime achievement award from The Jazz Foundation of

America. She was in the theater's green room, waiting to go onstage, when she suffered some kind of "episode" those around her feared might have been related to a stroke she suffered two years ago, said Jazz Foundation spokeswoman Bobbi Marcus.

### Verne Troyer, Mini-Me from 'Austin Powers' films, has died

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Verne Troyer, who played Dr. Evil's small, silent sidekick "Mini-Me" in the "Austin Powers" movie franchise, has

died. He was 49. A statement provided by Troyer's representatives that was also posted to his Instagram and Facebook accounts said the actor died Saturday. No cause of death was given, but the statement describes Troyer as a "fighter" who was unable to overcome a recent bout of adversity then goes on to discuss depression and suicide. Troyer became a celebrity and pop-culture phenomenon after starring alongside Mike Myers as "Mini-Me," the tiny, hairless clone of villain Dr. Evil in two of the three "Austin Powers" films.



### AMERICANA IN PHOTOS

This Thursday, April 19, 2018, photo shows exhibition curator Anne Wilkes Tucker, left, and Library of Congress photo curator Beverly Brannan, right, during a media preview of the exhibit "Not An Ostrich: And Other Images From America's Library," at the Annenberg Space For Photography in Los Angeles. The Library of Congress is bringing 440,000 of them to Los Angeles with a free-wheeling photo exhibition that seeks to define America's zeitgeist in a way people have never seen.

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## Plans to live together fall apart as boyfriend back out

**D**EAR ABBY: My boyfriend, "Chris," and I were planning on moving in together. We went apartment hunting and created a realistic budget we could both maintain. He was the one who brought up the idea and also the one who pushed it.

Chris is an only child. His parents love him so much I think they will do anything to keep him in their house for as long as they can. (He's 21.) I know I must respect his parents, but I also know Chris really wants to be out on his own but is afraid of them.

I want the best for him and for us. How should I handle this situation without harming the relationship between him and his parents, or me and his parents as well?

WANTING IT IN WISCONSIN

**DEAR WANTING IT:** Because Chris is an adult, asking him when he DOES think the two of you can live together would be a fair question. However, if it's one he can't answer, you must realize that he isn't independent enough to cut the umbilical cord, and you should plan for your future accordingly.

**DEAR ABBY:** The first 20 years of our marriage were wonderful. My husband was kind, sweet and generous. Now he is angry most of the time, and spews rude and hurtful things at me.

When I ask him what's wrong and suggest marriage coun-

seling, he says I am too sensitive or I take things wrong, and there's nothing the matter with our marriage. All I know is, this is not the man I fell in love with, and I don't know how much longer I can tolerate the way he's treating me.

I love my husband. I don't want to divorce him, but I also don't want to continue living this way. Please help.

GONE WRONG IN OHIO

**DEAR GONE WRONG:** What your husband is doing is cruel, and for him to tell you you're imagining it, frankly, irritates ME. I can't fix what's gone wrong in your marriage, but I'm glad to point you in the right direction.

Visit a marriage and family therapist without him and describe what's been happening. Whether the insight you gain will save your marriage is anybody's guess. However, it may give you the strength to do what is best for YOU, in the present and in the long run.

**DEAR ABBY:** My wife and I walk the mall most days, and our route usually takes us through a bookstore where we enjoy coffee in the coffee shop attached to it. Every time we go we see one particular couple sitting there reading the books and magazines but never bothering to buy anything.

The place is not a library. These bookstores are striving to stay alive and make a profit. I'm torn about whether to approach the couple, the management, or let them continue abusing the

## DEAR ABBY

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generosity of the store by never making a purchase.

MALL PATROL

**DEAR MALL PATROL:** Do not take it upon yourselves to shame that couple, which could lead to an ugly argument. Your efforts would be better spent if you talk to the store manager about what you have observed and let that person handle it from there. (For all we know, the "offenders" may be Mr. Barnes and Ms. Noble.)

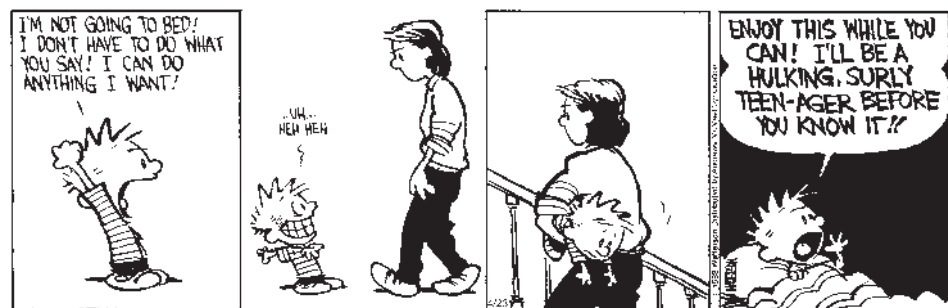
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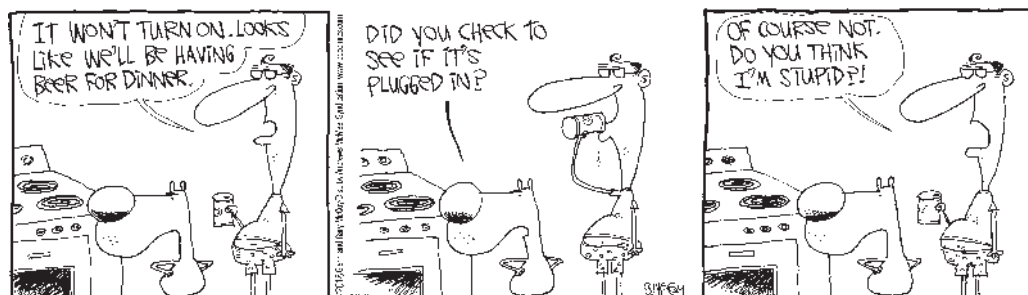
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By Bryan Basset



## The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy



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By Eugene Sheffer

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13 Stimp's pal  
14 Ginormous  
15 Bump into  
16 Not yet apprehended  
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20 Gave a speech  
21 Celestial bear  
23 Cardinal cap letters  
24 Sweetie  
28 Lofty  
31 Verb for you  
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34 SSW opposite  
35 Cater-waul

**DOWN**

1 Door-frame  
2 Pitcher  
3 Chicken cordon  
4 "Amen to that!"  
5 Medieval weapon  
6 Corral  
7 "Do — others ..."  
8 Scab-bard  
9 Moving rapidly, as a falling meteor  
10 Malaria symptom  
11 Repair  
17 Day divs.  
19 —  
22 Emanations  
24 Horse  
25 Granada gold  
26 One who got married yesterday  
27 Country-wide  
29 Bearded beast  
30 Chick's mom  
33 Bruce of "Ne-braska"  
36 Pinpoint  
38 Stag-gered  
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43 Old portico  
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**Last Friday's Answer 04-23**

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**CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY:** Dev Patel, 28; Rachel Skarsten, 33; Jaime King, 39; George Lopez, 57.

**Happy Birthday:** Consider your alternatives this year. Maintain structure and stability in your life by keeping busy with activities that promise to encourage a better state of mind as well as a healthy body. Added discipline will help you achieve goals you set, so don't just think about what to do — take action. Don't let the past hold you back. Your numbers are 9, 15, 22, 28, 35, 39, 47.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19):** Use your brain and power of persuasion to get your way. An exciting offer will lead to a tough choice. Take the path that will give you the most in return. Put your needs first. 5 stars

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** Don't let an emotional issue get you down when you should be moving forward. Look for any chance you get to improve your status and your standard of living. Children or an unpredictable individual will pose a problem if you aren't firm. \*\*

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** Helping others, offering suggestions and taking on responsibilities around the house will all contribute to better relationships with the people around you. Open your home for group meetings or as a gathering place for friends. \*\*\*\*

**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** Venture out and discover something new. Be receptive to group meetings, creative endeavors and expanding your circle of friends. Activities that encourage you to be a participant

should be your priority. Romance will improve your personal life and relationship. \*\*\*

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** Make a difference. Speak up and do your best to bring about changes at home or work that will improve morale. Getting along and accepting others' suggestions will turn you into the type of leader who gets things done and gains popularity. \*\*\*

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** Don't worry so much about what others are doing. As long as you are happy with your performance and what you accomplish, that's all that matters. You will learn how best to get ahead by doing your own thing. \*\*\*

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** Keep your opinions to yourself if you want to avoid discord. Domestic changes will turn out to be more difficult than anticipated. Focus more on what you can do to help a cause or to help those in need of assistance. \*\*\*\*

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** Being too possessive, controlling or excessive will send the wrong signal to someone you are trying to impress. Put your emotional energy into a creative endeavor instead of trying to coerce others to do things your way. A romantic gesture is encouraged. \*\*

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** Communication is key to getting what you want. Be open to suggestions, and you will also receive hands-on help initiating what you want to achieve. Presenting what you have discovered or developed will be well-received. Networking and meetings are favored. \*\*\*\*\*

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**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** Look at the big picture when dealing with situations that have the potential to change suddenly. Know your alternatives and make a decision based on facts. Short notice will be the tactic someone uses to catch you off guard. \*\*\*

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** Don't get dragged into someone else's melodrama. Distance yourself from people exhibiting bad habits or making poor lifestyle choices. It's better to be there to pick up the pieces than to join in the mayhem. Focus on healthy relationships and choices. \*\*\*

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):** Take care of your responsibilities and you'll avoid complaints. Once you're finished, you will have time to explore some of the pastimes that interest you. Share your feelings and concerns; you'll get a different perspective from someone you respect. \*\*\*

**Birthday Baby:** You are dedicated, persuasive and stubborn. You are ambitious and resilient. (To submit astrological questions to the "Dear Eugenia" column, visit [Eugenialast.com](http://Eugenialast.com), or join Eugenia on Twitter, Facebook and LinkedIn.)

## SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku

By Dave Green

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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

Last Friday's Answer

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# Manaea pitches no-hitter vs streaking Red Sox



**OAKLAND, Calif. (AP)—** Sean Manaea

might've been the only person at the Oakland Coliseum who didn't realize he was still working on a no-hitter.

After a dropped popup in the fifth inning, the Athletics lefty figured it was over.

"I didn't even think about it until I looked up in the seventh or eighth," Manaea said, "and I was like, 'Oh my God, why is there still a zero on there?'"

Because it was ruled an error. And because his shot at history remained intact.

Manaea became the first pitcher to throw a no-hitter against Boston in almost exactly 25 years, with an overturned call on the bases preserving the gem Saturday night in Oakland's 3-0 win over the sizzling Red Sox.

Manaea struck out 10, walked two and threw 108 pitches to finish off Oakland's first no-no since Dallas Braden tossed a perfect game against Tampa Bay in 2010.

Manaea got Hanley Ramirez to ground out to complete the first no-hitter versus the Red Sox since Seattle's Chris Bosio did it on April 22, 1993.

"I just telling myself, keep everything the same, and not let anything get too big for me," Manaea said.

Boston looked as if it had a hit with two outs in the sixth at the Oakland Coliseum. Andrew Benintendi hit a grounder to the right side, tried to dodge a tag by first baseman Matt Olson and was called safe.

Benintendi ran onto the grass in foul territory to get around Olson. The umpires then conferred and, without



going to replay, ruled Benintendi was out for going wide of the baseline.

## Braves 4, Mets 3

In Atlanta, Johan Camargo tripled home the tying run, then scored on Ender Inciarte's bunt single as the Atlanta Braves scored twice in the ninth inning off Mets closer Jeurys Familia to beat New York 4-3 on Saturday night.

A crowd of 41,396 that was the largest of the season at SunTrust Stadium saw starters Jacob deGrom and Julio Teheran each pitch seven scoreless innings. After they left, the bullpens wilted.

## Astros 10, White Sox 1

In Chicago, Josh Reddick hit a grand slam and a solo homer, and Houston pounded reeling Chicago.

Dallas Keuchel, the 2015 AL Cy Young Award winner, cruised to his first victory after being staked to a big lead early. Keuchel (1-3) allowed one run and four hits in six innings while striking out six.

## Brewers 6, Marlins 5

In Milwaukee, Jesus Aguilar homered on the 13th pitch leading off the bottom of the ninth inning, and Milwaukee rallied for its fifth consecutive win.

Aguilar, who entered the

game as a late-inning replacement, hit his first home run of the season off Junichi Tazawa (0-1).

## Indians 4, Orioles 0

In Baltimore, Mike Clevinger pitched a two-hitter in his first career complete game, and Cleveland hit three solo homers off Chris Tillman in a 4-0 victory.

Jose Ramirez went 3 for 4 with his team-leading fifth home run. Yan Gomes and Yonder Alonso also went deep for Cleveland.

## Yankees 9, Blue Jays 1

In New York, Aaron Judge hit an early homer off respected

Twitter rival Marcus Stroman, then scored on a disputed play during a seven-run burst in the sixth inning that sent New York over Toronto.

Judge put the Yankees up 2-0 with his sixth homer, a two-run drive in the third.

## Diamondbacks 6, Padres 2

In Phoenix, Zack Godley settled down after a shaky start to throw 5 1/3 solid innings and singled home a run as Arizona beat San Diego.

A.J. Pollock had a solo homer and RBI single for Arizona. Deven Marrero tripled in a run, doubled and scored twice, and Paul Goldschmidt had a double and an RBI triple.

## Cardinals 4, Reds 3

In St. Louis, Yadier Molina hit a tiebreaking home run in the seventh inning and rookie reliever Jordan Hicks got Scooter Gennett to ground into a game-ending double play with the bases loaded, lifting St. Louis over Cincinnati.

The Cardinals have won seven of eight, including six against the Reds.

## Phillies 6, Pirates 2

In Philadelphia, Rhys Hoskins hit a go-ahead three-run homer, Aaron Nola tossed seven impressive innings and Philadelphia beat Pittsburgh.

Nola (2-1) allowed two runs, six hits and struck out nine to help the Phillies win their third straight game and improve to 8-1 at home.

## Rockies 5, Cubs 2

In Denver, Nolan Arenado had

Oakland Athletics starting pitcher Sean Manaea throws to a Boston Red Sox batter during the seventh inning of a baseball game in Oakland, Calif., Saturday, April 21, 2018. Manaea threw a no-hitter as the A's won, 2-0.

two hits to back six strong innings from Tyler Anderson and Colorado used a big fifth inning to beat Chicago.

Anderson (1-0) got his first win in five starts and tamed a Chicago lineup that had 16 runs on 18 hits in the series opener on Friday night.

## Rays 10, Twins 1

In St. Petersburg, C.J. Cron hit a pair of two-run homers and Blake Snell won his third straight start for Tampa Bay.

Cron's homer in the third inning put the Rays up 2-1 after Adeiny Hechavarria singled for their first hit off Kyle Gibson (1-1).

## Tigers 12, Royals 4

In Detroit, Nicholas Castellanos homered and drove in three runs, and Detroit routed Kansas City.

The Tigers have won five of six. Detroit broke a 3-all tie with three runs in the fifth on a day when both starting pitchers were in almost constant trouble.

## Angels 4, Giants 3

In Anaheim, Albert Pujols drove a go-ahead, two-run home run into the seats in right-center for career hit No. 2,992, and Mike Trout and Jeffry Marte also went deep as Los Angeles snapped an ugly four-game losing streak.

Pujols, 38, hit a no-doubt, opposite-field shot to right-center on a 0-1 pitch from lefty Derek Holland (0-3) with one out in the sixth.

## Dodgers 4, Nationals 0

In Los Angeles, Joc Pederson, Kike Hernandez and Cody Bellinger all homered, and Hyun-Jin Ryu pitched seven innings of two-hit ball to lead Los Angeles.

Ryu (3-0) struck out eight and walked two, Tony Cingrani pitched the eighth and Kenley Jansen got the last three outs to finish the shutout.

## Mariners 9, Rangers 7

In Arlington, Nelson Cruz homered for the 100th time at his former home, Robinson Cano hit a tiebreaking shot and Seattle held on to beat Texas.

Cano's two-run homer in the seventh made it 8-6 and capped a four-run outburst against reliever Alex Claudio (0-1), who gave up hits to all four batters he faced.

## Eagles vs Falcons to open season, also play in London



**NEW YORK (AP)—** Super Bowl champion Philadelphia will host Atlanta to kick off the 2018 NFL season on Thursday night, Sept. 6.

Green Bay hosts Chicago in the first Sunday night matchup on Sept. 9, while the Monday nighters on opening weekend feature the New York Jets at Detroit, followed by the Los Angeles Rams at Oakland.

The Eagles also will play at England's home of soccer when they take on the Jacksonville Jaguars in Week 8 at Wembley Stadium.

That's one of four international games. The other match at Wembley will be the previous week with the Los Angeles Chargers hosting the Tennessee Titans. Tottenham

Hotspur's new stadium, also in London, will be the site for a Raiders home game on Oct. 14 against Seattle.

For the third straight year, the NFL will stage a game in Mexico City: the Rams will host Kansas City in a Week 11 Monday night game.

Thanksgiving will provide a feast of divisional games. The traditional doubleheader in Detroit and Dallas has the Lions playing the Bears, followed by the Redskins at the Cowboys. At night, it will be Atlanta visiting New Orleans.

Other intriguing matchups include Cleveland, which lost all 16 games last season, hosting archrival Pittsburgh on opening day; New England at Jacksonville in a rematch of the AFC title game in Week 2; the Eagles and Vikings in an NFC championship game

redux in Philly on Oct. 7; and the Steelers vs. Patriots in Pittsburgh in Week 15.

"We like to open at home in front of our great fans and this will be the second season in a row we do it against the Steelers," Browns coach Hue Jackson said. "We start with the best in our division."

Fox, which will do 11 Thursday night games, begins its package in Week 4 with the Vikings at the Rams. Those contests also will be televised by NFL Network and in Spanish on Fox Deportes. NFL Network has seven exclusive broadcasts.

Flexible scheduling in which a Sunday afternoon game can be switched to the evening because it is a better matchup than the previously planned game will be in use for Weeks 11-17. But

two Sundays in Weeks 5-10 also can have a game flexed to night.

In a new twist, flex scheduling will be used for Saturday games in Weeks 15 and 16. In Week 15, two games will be played on Saturday, Dec. 15: Houston at the New York Jets and Cleveland at Denver, with game times of 4:30 p.m. EST and 8:20 p.m. EST to be determined.

In Week 16, two of four possible matchups will be scheduled for Saturday: Baltimore at the Chargers, Jacksonville at Miami, the New York Giants at Indianapolis, or Washington at Tennessee. Start times for Saturday games for Week 15 and 16 will be announced no later than following Week 8, with the contests not chosen for Saturday to be played on Sunday on the 16th weekend.



# Davis leads Pelicans to sweep of Trail Blazers



**NEW ORLEANS** (AP)—Anthony Davis sat on the court, a scowl on his face and his biceps flexed on each side of his head.

The Pelicans All-Star had just converted a layup as he fell to the court after a hard foul. His strength-projecting celebration afterward was that of a franchise player determined to lay the foundation of his playoff legacy with a dominant performance in the clutch.

"In a close-out game and then the magnitude of the situation, this is probably the best game he's played since I've been here," Pelicans coach Alvin Gentry said. "He just was not going to let us lose."

Davis scored 33 of his franchise playoff-record 47 points in the second half -- including 12 points in the final five minutes—and New Orleans completed a first-round playoff sweep of the Portland Trail Blazers with a 131-123 victory on Saturday night.

"It was fun," Davis said. "It was an amazing feeling for

me to go out and sweep these guys and play the way that I played."

And when Davis wasn't devastating the Blazers, Jrue Holiday was giving Portland fits with explosive drives or pull-up jumpers. Holiday capped his 41-point night with an 18-footer that gave the Pelicans a six-point lead with 40 seconds left.

Rajon Rondo had 16 assists, and Davis also had 11 rebounds and three blocks for New Orleans, which is moving on to the second round of the playoffs for only the second time since the NBA returned to the city 16 seasons ago.

Rondo has said he came to New Orleans to play with what he viewed as the best "Big Three" in the NBA — Davis, Holiday and DeMarcus Cousins. Misfortune struck Cousins in late January, when he was lost for the season to a left Achilles tear. Davis and Holiday had to raise their games, and have come through beyond expectations.



New Orleans Pelicans forward Anthony Davis (23) is fouled by Portland Trail Blazers center Jusuf Nurkic (27) as he drives to the basket during the first half of Game 4 of a first-round NBA basketball playoff series in New Orleans, Saturday, April 21, 2018.

have slip away. Wade carried the comeback effort, with the Heat down six and less than 2 minutes left. His three-point play cut the margin in half and his next two field goals got Miami within one each time. The Heat got no closer.

## Timberwolves 121, Rockets 105

In Minneapolis, Jimmy Butler hit four 3-pointers among his 28 points and Karl-Anthony Towns snapped back from a bad start to the series with 18 points and 16 rebounds, leading the Minnesota Timberwolves past the Houston Rockets for their first postseason victory in 14 years.

Jeff Teague scored 23 points and Andrew Wiggins pitched in 20 points with another four 3-pointers, helping the Timberwolves match the fire-away Rockets from behind the arc and cruise down the stretch behind a 50 percent shooting performance.

Derrick Rose added 17 points off the bench for the Wolves, who will try to even the series with a win in Game 4 on Monday night.

James Harden led the way for Houston with 29 points, but Chris Paul fouled out with 17 points and the Rockets went just 15 for 41 from 3-point range.

## Jazz 115, Thunder 102

In Salt Lake City, Ricky Rubio had 26 points, 11 rebounds and 10 assists for Utah's first playoff triple-double in 17 years, and Donovan Mitchell added 22 points to lead the Jazz past the Oklahoma City Thunder for a 2-1 lead in their first-round series.

Joe Ingles, who had 21 points, made two 3-pointers around two free throws to spark a 13-0 surge that ended on Mitchell's 3 to put Utah up by 20 points in the fourth quarter.

Rubio's triple-double was the first by a Jazz player in the postseason since John Stockton in the 2001 playoffs against Dallas.

Paul George scored 23 points and Carmelo Anthony, Russell Westbrook and Raymond Felton each had 14 for the Thunder. Westbrook also had 11 rebounds and nine assists, just missing his ninth playoff triple-double but also had eight turnovers and shot 5 for 17.

## LeBron needs win at Pacers

LeBron James is keeping his thoughts to himself.

Whatever concerns—or confidence—he might harbor about his Cleveland Cavaliers facing a 2-1 first-round Eastern Conference series hole heading into Game 4 at the Indiana Pacers on Sunday were not going to be made available for public consumption.

James decided not to speak to reporters on Saturday.

And he did not have a whole lot to say in the immediate aftermath of Game 3, either, when Indiana erased a 17-point deficit and then held on for a 92-90 victory over the Cavs.

Not only has the four-time MVP and three-time NBA champ never lost an opening NBA postseason series, going 12-0 in the past, he had

never even trailed in the first round until this one, when Cleveland dropped Game 1 at home.

Now he is behind again.

"We've had some good quarters," James said Friday, "and we didn't have some good quarters."

Well, that explains a lot.

Cleveland coach Tyrone Lue's synopsis?

"They won a game we should have won," Lue said. "That's what's disappointing. But we're not discouraged. We've got to get Game 4—and I'm confident."

In addition to Cavaliers-Pacers on Sunday, the day's other NBA games are the Boston Celtics at the Milwaukee Bucks, the Golden State Warriors at the San Antonio Spurs, and the Toronto Raptors at the Washington Wizards.

Portland never gave up, trimming a 15-point second-half deficit to a single point on Al-Farouq Aminu's layup with 5:08 to go, but Davis responded with 12 points over the final 4:56, starting with a layup as he was fouled and a 3-pointer. Holiday scored six points during the final 2:52, starting with his 3-pointer. The pair combined for all but one of New Orleans' points during

that pivotal stretch.

"You put the ball in these two guys' hands and they delivered for us," Rondo said. "I couldn't ask for a better duo right now, especially at the time of the game where we needed to get the ball in the hole."

C.J. McCollum scored 38 for the Trail Blazers, who responded to a blowout loss in Game 3 by keeping Game 4

close until the final minute. Aminu scored 27, Damian Lillard added 19 points and Jusuf Nurkic had 18 points and 11 rebounds before fouling out.

## 76ers 106, Heat 102

In Miami, Ben Simmons had the first playoff triple-double by a rookie in nearly 40 years, JJ Redick scored 24 points and the Philadelphia 76ers outlasted the Miami Heat 106-102 on Saturday to move within a victory of the second round.

The 76ers lead the Eastern Conference series 3-1 and can close out the Heat when play resumes in Philadelphia on Tuesday night.

Simmons became the first rookie since Magic Johnson in 1980 to post a playoff triple-double—17 points, 13 rebounds, 10 assists. Joel Embiid finished with 14 points and 12 rebounds for Philadelphia.

Dwyane Wade led all scorers with 25 points off the bench for the Heat, who led by 12 points in the second half before letting a game they almost certainly had to

## FIFA queries Morocco World Cup bid, to make 2nd inspection

**CASABLANCA, Morocco** (AP)—FIFA's inspection of Morocco's 2026 World Cup plans ended with questions about the quality of stadiums and a demand for more details from the bid ahead of a second unexpected examination of infrastructure.

Bid president Moulay Hafid Elalamy acknowledged on Friday that Morocco still has to "improve the quality of our bid book," which was initially submitted to FIFA a month ago ahead of the June vote against the North American entry.

A task force deployed from FIFA HQ in Zurich spent three

days surveying stadiums, hotels, training camps, and other World Cup sites in Marrakech, Agadir, Tangier, and Casablanca. But another group of FIFA experts will scrutinize hotel capacity and facilities for VIPs next week, Elalamy said.

FIFA officials "made some remarks on the conditions of some of the stadiums," Elalamy said. "We are currently negotiating with FIFA to find a solution."

While Morocco has said it needs to spend almost \$16 billion on infrastructure for the



48-team World Cup, including building or renovating all 14 stadiums, the rival North American bid does not require any tournament-specific building work. FIFA has also not said it plans a second inspection of facilities in the United States, Canada, and Mexico as it will now conduct in Morocco.

"The task force visit allowed Morocco's bid committee to understand certain FIFA requirements that we will address with a lot more precision in the upcoming days," Elalamy said.

Elalamy did not specify the additional information required, taking no questions at an event initially billed as a news conference in Casablanca.

The start of the inspection coincided with The Associated Press revealing Morocco did not declare its anti-LGBT law to FIFA in the human rights risk assessment submitted in its bid. Ahmed El Haij, president of the Moroccan Association for Human Rights, told the Associated Press neglecting this represented "an intentional silence" by the bid.



# Easy victories for Genesis All-Stars, Akkeri

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The Genesis All-Stars and 670 Akkeri earned double-digit winning margins against their respective opponents in the 2018 MIBF Island-wide Basketball League last Friday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

In the first game, the 670 Akkeri trounced the CK Ballers, 85-62, while the Genesis All-Stars hammered the Ol'Aces Extra in the second match, 96-76.

The Genesis All-Stars defeated the Ol'Aces Extra by 20 points after saving their best for last.

Ahead by only 7 at the end of the third period, 64-57, Ken Viray and Peter Lizama teamed up in the Genesis All-Stars' breakaway in the final canto. Viray scored 11 straight points midway in the

fourth frame, while Lizama added 10 after knocking in two 3-point shot and a pair of 2-point field goals.

The Genesis All-Stars had to lean on Lizama and Viray's strong finish after the team wasted an early double-digit lead and the Ol'Aces Extra cut the deficit to a deuce at the break, 40-42. The Genesis All-Stars led by a baker's dozen after the first quarter, 25-12, behind the successive baskets of Viray. However, Peter Camacho and Leroy Rangamar brought the Ol'Aces Extra back into the game in the second canto.

The Ol'Aces Extra still kept the Genesis All-Stars within striking distance in the third period before failing to counter attack in the fourth to drop to a 1-3 record. The Genesis All-Stars improved to a 2-3 mark.



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The Ol'Aces Extra's Bruce Berline, right, taps the ball away from a driving Maverick Itibus of the Genesis All-Stars during the second quarter of their game in the MIBF island-wide caging last Friday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

## First Game

**670 Akkeri 85** — Pangelinan 15, Arceo 13, Lisua 13, A. Factor 12, P. Factor 8, Tenorio 7, Manglona 4, Teregeyo 2, Litulumar 2.

**CK Ballers 62** — Capalad 18, Ngrairois 12, Deleon Guerrero 11, Kaipat 10, J. Pelisamen 4, Norech 3, Lieto 2, Donovan 2.

**Scoring by quarters:** 23-9, 50-23, 67-47, 85-62.

## Second Game

**Genesis All-Stars 96** — Viray 29, Lizama 17, Quan 9, Itibus 9, Rangamar 7, Norita 6, Sambile 5, Fitia 4, Camacho 3.

**Ol'Aces Extra 76** — Rangamar 20, Ogumoro 13, Santos 13, Nakashima 10, Camacho 8, King 7, Onopwiy 5, Berline 4.

**Scoring by quarters:** 25-12, 42-40, 64-57, 96-76.

## Make-up qualifiers for All Schools meet

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The Northern Marianas Athletics will resume the qualifiers for the 2018 McDonald's/Public School System All Schools Athletics Championship with make-up events spread in three days, starting tomorrow at the Oleai track and field oval.

The make-up qualifying events, which will take place from April 24 to 26, are for all the schools and athletes that missed the early days of the qualifiers and for the postponed trials due to inclement weather and time constraints.

"If a school or their runners had already run or participat-

ed, then they can no longer come here and join the make-up dates for the qualifiers," NMA developmental officer Elias Rangamar told *Saipan Tribune*.

"There are instances that some schools try to sneak in some of their athletes who did not qualify the first time. As much as possible, we're trying to prevent that to avoid confusion and the additional task for us in sorting out all the names and the records," he added.

High school students will be the first to have their make-up qualifiers as they take the field tomorrow for the 60m 100m, 200m, 400m, 800m, and 1,500m runs and



javelin throw.

Saipan's middle schoolers will have their turn on Wednesday, April 25, in the same running events along with the javelin, shot put, and discus throws.

Thursday, April 26, will be the final day of the make-up qualifying events for elementary students in the same running events and softball throw.

Each school, like in the relays, will also automatically qualify in the 3,000m run with a maximum number of five participants in each age group in the boys and girls divisions.

Rangamar also reminded coaches of each school to

check if their athletes are in the right age categories and not turning a year older during the All Schools championships—from May 9 to 12.

Meanwhile, Rangamar thanked Rota and Tinian for helping him and Public School System athletics program director Nick Gross when they visited the islands last week for their separate qualifying events.

"We would like to thank all the coaches for getting their athletes and officials ready during our visit. I would also like to ask their coaches to submit their results if they haven't done it yet. Please indicate the names of the athletes that would be participating in the All Schools Championships," the NMA official said.

Meanwhile, in the first game, the 670 Akkeri notched its third straight win after routing the CK Ballers.

A 23-9 scoring run in the first quarter set up the easy win for 670 Akkeri.

## STEELE

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No. 2 seed Kang swept Hyunmin Cho in the Round of 8, 6-0, 6-4, and also took two sets to beat Andy Kim in the semis, 6-2, 6-2, to arrange another title duel against Steele.

Kim, a 6-0, 6-0 winner over Brandon Lee in the quarterfinals, joined Steele and Kang in the Top 3 after outclassing Heo in the consolation game, 8-2. Anthony Gregoire, who eliminated Danny Lee before bowing to Steele also won his consolation match (for fifth place) against Brandon Lee, 8-3.

Meanwhile, it was double celebration for Steele yesterday, as he also took the boys U14 doubles crown with Andy Kim.

After his singles championship game against Kang in the morning, Steele returned to the AMP courts in the afternoon to challenge the former and Seung Won Lee. Steele and Kim went on to sweep Kang and Lee in the finals, 6-1, 6-1. The eventual champions moved into the finale following a 6-1, 6-0 triumph over Hyunmin Cho and Eu Bin Park—winners against Minji Jung and Brandon Lee, 6-1, 6-2.

Kang and Seung Won, on the other hand, defeated Gregoire and David Kwon in their semis tiff, 6-3, 6-2. Kwon and Gregoire marched into the Final Four after pulling off a 7-5, 2-6, 10-3 victory against Heo and Danny Lee.

Kwon after falling short in his doubles bid, did not

go home empty-handed as he took the boys U12 singles championship after easing past Chun Cheol Hwang in the finals, 6-0, 6-1. Kwon made it to the finals following a 6-1, 6-0 win over Akash Rai, while Hwang followed suit, as he blanked Ruma Lee in the other semis pairing. Lee settled for the third place honors after edging Rai, 9-7.

In other results, Ken Song and Andy Lee clinched the championship in their respective age groups after earning perfect records in the round-robin tournament.

Andy posted a 3-0 mark in the boys U10 singles, securing the title after shutting down Min Seop Lee yesterday, 8-0. Andy's two other victories were against Eugene Kim, 8-5, and Cojiro Kaga, 8-5. Kim got the runner-up honors, as he finished the tournament with a 2-1 slate following a deciding 9-8 win over Kaga yesterday. Kaga placed third, as he won over Min Seop, 8-1, in Week 1 of the competition.

Song recorded one win in the opening week against Seung Jin Paik, 7-5, 6-3, and went 2-0 this weekend to get the boys U18 singles title. He sealed the championship after rallying past Ji Min Woo yesterday, 2-6, 6-0, 6-4. Song's other win this weekend was against Sean Lee last Saturday, 7-5, 4-6, 6-4. Lee, Woo, and Paik finished the tournament with similar 1-2 records, but the former won the tie-break for second place.

## COMETS I

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runs and a double after going 2-for-3 at the plate.

Teregeyo, on the other hand, pitched three innings in relief and was tagged with only one earned run on two hits, while striking out six and walking one. J.P. Castro tossed two innings in start and was also tagged with one earned run on

two hits with four strikeouts and three walks.

## Chiefs 8, Comets II 1

Shane Mallens pitched an almost shutout game for six innings, while Delbert Sablan had a solo shot at the bottom of the sixth to lead the Chiefs past Comets II last Saturday.

Mallens lasted more than six innings on the mound and

was replaced by Sablan when Jason Reyes was up to bat at the top of the seventh.

Mallens, who was a member of the Bank of Saipan Red Sox that won the SLL Majors division title in 2015, tossed a one-hit game with nine strikeouts and two walks.

Sablan, meanwhile, belted a solo shot to deep right center—an inside-the-park home run that had the Comets center

par-busters join more off-island tournaments in the coming months.

"At least they get to experience a new level of competition. They would be better prepared, mentally and physically. Next year, we know what to do and expect. We only have one practice round, while others practically knew the layout of the Pradera Verde golf course, and yet both of them performed beyond our expectations," the coach said.

other veterans, have wanted. To have CNMI junior golfers competing and getting the experience in top level off-island tournaments," he added.

Joe has been coaching the young Camacho since November and saw how his game blossomed. Lee, meanwhile, has been a perennial title contender in the local golf circuit and had represented the CNMI in tournaments in Guam and San Diego.

Joe said that he is looking forward to have both teen

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"Seeing the junior golf program competing at a higher level has been one of Jess' visions. Too bad he could no longer see the fruits of our efforts, I'm sure he would have been proud," said Joe Camacho, who joined Lee and Sebastian Camacho in the trip to the Philippines.

"These two would be better and more prepared next year. This is what we, Jess, and the



# SIS vs GCA in High School Volleyball

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Saipan International School's Malika Miyawaki goes up for a spike during their game against Grace Christian Academy in the girls high school division of the 2017-2018 Commonwealth Coalition of Private Schools Association Volleyball League last week at the Geckos' turf in As Lito.



A Saipan International School player receives a serve from Grace Christian Academy.



Grace Christian Academy's Jasmin Phan digs the ball.



A Grace Christian Academy player sets up Jasmin Phan.



Saipan International School's Gio Hur makes a return.



A Grace Christian Academy spikes the ball.



Grace Christian Academy players get ready, while waiting for their teammate's service.



Saipan International School's Julia Ishikawa goes up for a shot near the net.



Manaea pitches  
no-hitter vs  
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## Late Wabol's vision: Elevate junior golf program

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CNMI Sports Hall of Famer Jess Wabol dreamt of elevating the Commonwealth's junior golf program and with him gone, his colleagues are hoping to continue his vision.

Wabol, who died in 2013, wanted CNMI junior golfers competing in higher-level tournaments and Tony Sator, CNMI Attorney General Edward Manibusan, and Joe "Kamikaze" Camacho are doing their best to realize the former's dream.

The junior program, which had Leina Kim and the now Rev. Fr. James Balajadia as two of its products, has been in existence for a number of years now and has in its fold over 20 youngsters that regularly practice every Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Laolao Bay Golf & Resort's driving range.

Included in the pool are perennial title contender Edward Lee and promising prospect Sebastian Camacho, who are being groomed to lead the CNMI to off-island tournaments, especially in competitions that attract the top players in the world.

Both Lee and Camacho

are fresh from competing in the 21st Philippine Airlines Junior Golf Foundation of the Philippines Junior Interclub Championship held at the Pradera Verde Golf & Country Club in Lubao, Pampanga.

Lee almost won the individual crown in the 13-14 division, losing only in the playoffs to last year's runner-up Tae Soo Kim, while Camacho finished in the Top 10—a huge feat for the Grace Christian Academy freshman considering that he only started playing golf five months ago.

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From left, junior golfers Sebastian Camacho and Edward Lee pose with coach Joe "Kamikaze" Camacho last Thursday after their practice at the Laolao Bay Golf & Resort driving range.

# Steele wins rematch vs Kang



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Richard Steele reasserted his mastery over Daniel Kang after prevailing in the boys U14 title showdown in the 2018 CNMI National Junior Tennis Championships yesterday at the American Memorial Park tennis courts.

Steele, who defeated Kang in the same age group finals in the 2018 Coconut Tennis Class last February, 6-3, 6-0, made it two wins in a row

after squeezing out a 7-6 (4), 6-3 victory in their rematch. The No. 1 seed Steele advanced to his third straight finals appearance in the boys U14



singles in the 2017-2018 season (his first was in the 2017 TanHoldings Tennis Classic) after eliminating two other opponents over the weekend. He ousted Anthony Gregoire in the quarterfinals last Friday, 6-3, 7-5, and then downed Isaac Heo in the semis last Saturday, 6-1, 6-1, to notch the finals ticket at the upper half of the draw.

At the lower half of the draw, the

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## Comets I still undefeated; Chiefs prevail

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Bing Nakamura and Reed Teregyo showed why they are the batting and pitching leaders in the Junior division of the 2018 Saipan Little League Baseball.

Nakamura went perfect at the plate, while Teregyo pitched three innings in relief as the 1-2 punch of Comets I starred in their team's 12-2 win over the Braves last Saturday at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield.

Comets I is undefeated after 10 games to keep its lofty position atop the five-team field and deal the Braves their sixth loss in seven matches. The WPTC Chiefs are in second with a 5-3 mark, followed by the 4-5 slate of the Falcons. The Comets II is still at the bottom of the standings with a 0-6 card.

Nakamura, the league's current batting leader and also the pacesetter

in five other individual statistical categories, went 3-for-3 with an RBI triple in the first inning and scored two

runs. Justin Agulto provided support to Nakamura, as the former got three

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WPTC Chiefs relief pitcher Delbert Sablan winds up a throw to home plate during their game against Comets II last Saturday in the Juniors division of the 2018 Saipan Little League Baseball at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield.